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Budget Shortfall Faced By School District; Cuts Are Anticipated

Facing a $2.2 million shortfall in their 2003-2004 budget, officials of the Princeton Regional School District announced that they will be forced to make cuts that could result in the loss of personnel and tutorial programs as well as an increase in class size.

"We are facing a set of circumstances that make this year one of the most difficult budget cycles I've seen," said Claire Sheff Kohn, superintendent of the district, at last Tuesday night's Board of Education meeting. "We simply don't have the money."

"It has become routine for government bodies to say that there is a budget crisis," said Joshua Leinsdorf, a School Board member. "But this year, the crisis is real."

"We came to the realization that there is a shortfall of $2 million," said Alan Hegedus, a member of the School Board and its budget-writing finance committee, at last week's meeting. "We're working the problem. We will try very hard to protect our core educational programs."

According to Dr. Kohn, the state-imposed budget cap increase of three percent means that the district may increase its $47 million budget by $1.4 million for the coming year.

If certain spending growth limitation allowances (SGLA) are approved by the state for the district — including those related to increases in enrollment, transportation, and special education — then the district could increase its budget by a total of 4.5 percent or $2.1 million.

However, the expected costs for the 2003-2004 budget far outweigh those spending growths. The costs include salary increases in the amount of $1.3 million due in large part to the contract negotiated between the School Board and Princeton Regional Education Association, the local teachers' union, in September following a two-day teachers' strike, the first in the district's history.

"If our cap is at $1.4 million," said Dr. Kohn, "then that leaves $100,000 for everything else in the budget."

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SIGNED, SEALED, AND ...: Borough Mayor Marvin Reed, center, and Bob Powell of Nassau HKT Associates sign the developer's agreement for the construction of a garage, two residential/retail buildings, and a public plaza to be built on the two Borough-owned downtown parking lots on Spring Street. On the left is Bob Goldsmith, the Borough's special counsel on the redevelopment project. Mr. Powell said that delivery of the completed garage might be made earlier than the previously announced December 2003. A lawsuit seeking to block construction of the project will be heard in Superior Court on February 21. (Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)

Physicians Protest With Work Slow-Down

Early this week, many physicians' offices in Princeton were closed except for emergency cases as doctors participated in a two-day, statewide work slow-down to protest dramatic increases in medical liability insurance premiums.

Doctors are demanding that the New Jersey state legislature impose caps on pain and suffering awards in malpractice cases as one step toward more affordable malpractice insurance.

"Over the last few years, physicians have been hit with huge increases in malpractice insurance premiums," said Dr. Donald F. Denny Jr., a radiologist who has been practicing in Princeton since 1991. "Some doctors are having to scramble to find insurance at all, and many have been forced to move out of state."

According to Joan Hagadorn, the chief operations officer at the Princeton Medical Group, physicians cannot practice in New Jersey without medical liability insurance. Many companies, however, have discontinued writing medical insurance policies, and some hospitals have been forced to declare bankruptcy as a result of the increased rates.

On Monday and Tuesday, many local doctors did not provide routine, non-urgent care or conduct elective procedures, but they were available for patients in need of emergency care.

Many of the physicians throughout New Jersey gathered on Tuesday for a rally at the State House in Trenton. The physicians are expected to return to their jobs on Wednesday.

Dr. Denny said Monday that he expected a high percentage of doctors to participate in the job action.

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Community-Wide Partnership To Form Facilities Task Force

This week, municipal officials and representatives of organizations throughout Princeton confirmed that a community-wide facilities task force will be formed to assess the facilities available to the community both now and in the future.

A partnership between the Borough, the Township, Princeton University, the Princeton Regional School District, and other institutions within Princeton will determine which locations have activity spaces and assess the needs of the community.

Both Borough Council and Township Committee are expected to adopt resolutions to implement the task force shortly. Municipal officials offered their endorsements of the cooperative effort.

"We will involve a lot of people in analyzing the resources that are available and will be available in the community," said Princeton Borough Mayor Marvin Reed. "We will then measure that against some of the needs that are being expressed within the schools, the Recreation

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Graduate Student Commits Suicide

Gabor Katona, a 32-year-old Princeton University graduate student originally from Hungary, was found dead in his dormitory room on the evening of Monday, January 20. Police and University officials are terming the death a suicide.

A University public safety proctor entered the graduate student's room in Lockhart Hall around 10 p.m. on January 20, found Mr. Katona, and alerted Princeton Borough Police.

"There was no sign of foul play, and no suicide note was left," said Lt. John Reading of the Borough police. He said police have found indications that Mr. Katona had recently been depressed, but no specific catalyst for the suicide was known.

Mr. Katona, a Washington State resident, was a second-year graduate student in the University's History of Science program. He held master's degrees in philosophy and aesthetics from the University of Pecs in his native country of Hungary. According to University reports, he was the author of a book and had published several articles. His focus of study at the University was the history of psychology and psychoanalysis in the 19th century.

The suicide was the first in Princeton Borough since a University student committed suicide in approximately 1992, said Lt. Reading. Police are still investigating the circumstances surrounding Mr. Katona's death.

YWCA Plans Valentine's Father-Daughter Dance

Fathers and their daughters are invited to a Father-Daughter Valentine's Day Dance at the YWCA Princeton on Paul Robeson Place on February 14. The dance will run from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The event is planned for girls 4 to 12. Both dads and daughters are encouraged to dress in formal wear. Instructors will teach a basic waltz, and the group will do the Virginia Reel. Pictures and snacks will be provided.

Cost is $10 per couple. Call (609) 497-2100, ext. 332 for more information or to make a reservation.

Town Topics Christmas Fund Ends Its 56th Annual Appeal

The 56th annual Town Topics Christmas Fund appeal is now officially ended. Total contributions reached $37,987, several thousand dollars below the $44,023 donated to last year's fund appeal

Although everyone involved in the fund wishes that the total had been higher, we are all grateful to those many who did contribute. Their donations will be available all year, through Family and Children's Services, and will be used to help people in Princeton meet and overcome difficult circumstances. The Town Topics Christmas Fund, even with fewer resources than before, will still be there for those who need it.

A recent letter seemed to express the spirit of the fund. It came from a former Princeton resident, now living in Maine. She said she had read in Town Topics that more money was needed for the Christmas Fund, "so I am enclosing a small contribution. I lived in Princeton for 49 years and am happy to contribute a tiny bit."

Although the appeal is officially over, it is not too late to donate. To contribute, send a check made payable to the Town Topics Christmas Fund, to P.O. Box 664, Princeton 08540. Contributions may also be brought to the Town Topics office at 4 Mercer Street.

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RISING UP: Princeton architects recently offered their professional opinions on the proposed designs for the redevelopment of the World Trade Center site. One of the plans expected to be approved by the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation as a finalist in the design competition is the scheme by Daniel Libeskind, shown above, which includes a spire that stands 1,776 feet tall and the Gardens of the World.

Princeton Architects Consider Design Proposals for WTC Site

By the end of the month, the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation (LMDC), which is overseeing the creation of a memorial and the redevelopment of Ground Zero at the site of the World Trade Center, is expected to announce its choice for the project's design.

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As the design plans for the redevelopment move forward, several Princeton architects offered their perspectives on the proposals and what they might have envisioned if charged with such a task.

"The architectural response to this atrocity ought to be one of defiance," said Ronald Berlin, who has been practicing architecture in Princeton for 13 years. "This is such an extraordinary site and set of circumstances; it calls forth a grand solution."

"The rationale behind these designs is that we will not be humbled," said Bob Hillier, founder and CEO of The Hillier Group. "We will rise again. It's like the phoenix rising from the ashes."

"The World Trade Center became a symbol of New York; it was so powerful and so enigmatic," said Michael Mostoller, local architect since 1984 and member of the Princeton Regional Board of Education. "But that doesn't make it great architecture or great urbanism."

"New York City needs a new spiritual center," said Ralph Lerner, professor of architecture at Princeton University's School of Architecture. "That is of paramount importance and should be a first consideration."

The LMDC

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by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey — and the revitalization of Lower Manhattan.

Informed by several advisory councils representing a broad spectrum of groups affected by the World Trade Center attacks — including victims' families, business owners, and downtown residents — the LMDC is in the process of selecting an approved design plan.

In July 2002, the LMDC released six initial concept plans in an exhibit at Federal Hall in Lower Manhattan. The public response to the plans was highly critical, and it prompted the LMDC to issue a request for qualifications for architects from around the world to participate in a design study.

In December, the LMDC released nine new designs for the WTC site created by seven teams comprised of some the world's most renowned firms, architects, and artists.

Simultaneously, the LMDC launched "Plans in Progress," a public outreach campaign designed to engage the public in a discussion about the future of Lower Manhattan. It has featured an exhibit at the World Financial Center Winter Garden that concluded on February 2, video presentations, public meetings, and online viewing.

The LMDC, which is currently reviewing the public comments received during this campaign, intends to select one design for the WTC site by the end of February.

The site planning committee of the LMDC is expected to recommend that two of the nine designs be considered as finalists: the scheme by Daniel Libeskind and the World Cultural Center plan by the Think team, led by Rafael Vinoly, who designed Princeton Stadium, and Frederic Schwartz.

Proposals

Several local architects expressed the opinion that the approved plan should consider all of Lower Manhattan.

"We need to plan before we design," said Robert Geddes, co-chair of Princeton Future, dean emeritus of the Princeton University School of Architecture, and local architect since 1965. "What is the future for Lower Manhattan?"

Mr. Geddes believes that the design should "weave the composition into the structure and fabric of the city at both the streetline and the skyline."

"The big issue," said Joanna Kendig, local architect for the past 17 years, "is whether this will be a rebuilding that considers the greater context of Lower Manhattan or if it will be a traditional developer approach that develops an isolated parcel of land."

Ms. Kendig, who grew up in Warsaw, Poland — a city that suffered 80 percent destruction during World War II and was then completely rebuilt after the war — added, "My focus is on how they will create a place for people. This is an opportunity to tie this parcel into Lower Manhattan."

"I'm very pleased to see that there are nine very exciting designs," said Mr. Lerner, a local architect since 1965 who will be appointed as a house consultant for the LMDC shortly. "The planning, however, on and below ground is at odds with the architectural proposals.

"In my view," he stated, "what needs to happen in order to bring about the revitalization of downtown and the reversal of its long and slow decline is to make downtown an easy-to-reach regional destination, a true global destination, and a 24/7 neighborhood."

"There's no question that what should be put there as structure should be a reflection of the financial capital of world," said Mr. Hillier. "But I would love to see some residential mixed in there as well. What gives cities their vitality is the people who live there, not the people who work there."

Some believe that the issues of scale and overall planning faced by the LMDC in its task are not unlike those related to Princeton's downtown development.

"The World Trade Center was a wonderful symbol, but as a people place, it wasn't so great," stated Ms. Kendig. "My bias is similar when looking to our town and the downtown development.

"In our case, when people started looking at the larger context, they realized that the development shouldn't be just about a garage, but the whole of the town," she added. "I hope Manhattan will realize our perspective."

"A project at that scale creates the spirit of a place," said Mr. Lerner. "I would liken it to the proposed garage complex in downtown Princeton."

The Memorial

A central aspect of the designs is the creation of a memorial to commemorate the tragedy of September 11 and its victims.

"If I were doing it," said Mr. Hillier, "I would make the memorial a really deep set of holes in the footprints of the towers. They would disappear into darkness and quiet, with running water at the bottom, forever burned into the surface of the earth."

"I have thought that the memorial aspect might be best placed at the very top as part of this defiant spirit," said Mr. Berlin, a member of Princeton Future and until last year a member of the Princeton Site Plan Review Advisory Board. "That way, people could disconnect with the everyday life of the city in a transposed place up in the sky."

"The primary thing within the design is a symbolic response," said Mr. Mostoller, "and the architectural community has responded.

"But I still think that it's too soon to know what to do," he added. "We haven't reflected enough. It took us a while to develop a Vietnam Memorial, and we still don't have a memorial for World War II. Our plans should grow out of a much deeper meditation upon what happened."

Public Discussion

Through its public relations campaign, the LMDC has brought questions of architecture and urban planning into the general discussion of the larger public.

"How often are people aware of architecture?" asked Mr. Berlin. "It's nice that people feel so engaged in this."

"Most people are mystified by the process by which large scale buildings come to be," said Mr. Lerner. "While the public lacks expertise, the public does have informed views.

"I would liken it to health care," he added. "People have a good sense of how it works and what it ought to look like."

"Architecture and planning are going to become part of mainstream public discussion," stated Mr. Hillier. "The public has to do with everything about designs today. All you have to do is go to the Princeton Planning Board to see that. These plans will have to be designed, approved, and financed in the public view."

Economic Viability

While both the public and the LMDC debate the specifics of proposals, some have questioned whether it is wise to redevelop a site that was already suffering economically.

"Any redevelopment should consider all of downtown," stated Mr. Mostoller, "not just the square footage of the World Trade Center. Just to rebuild the square footage is economic suicide."

According to Mr. Mostoller, because there is 17 million square feet of unrented space in downtown Manhattan, a redevelopment project would not meet an immediate economic need. "What needs to happen is an effort to restructure the economy of entire Lower Manhattan," he said.

"I'm worried about the economic viability of the project," said Mr. Hillier. "Many companies have left lower Manhattan or New York City altogether. They are going to have to get real regarding who is going to want to go there on a daily basis."

"For me, the biggest question is how to move this forward," he added. "This project has to deliver to the Port Authority and the developers the right kind of return."

Despite such concerns, Mr. Hillier speculated that one of the major trends within the next decade will be a movement back into the cities. "What people — in particular, that generation of baby boomers — are looking for," he said, "is culture, restaurants, entertainment, health care, and continuing education. All of that is in the cities." **—David McNutt**

Networking Show Planned For Home Buyers, Sellers

Home buyers and sellers are invited to attend the second "HomeWorks Connection" Show at the MarketFair Mall on Saturday, February 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The free event is sponsored by Keller Williams Princeton Real Estate and Ivy Mortgage.

The show offers home buyers and sellers an opportunity to network with specialists and businesses that serve the real estate industry, such as attorneys, inspection companies, relocation specialists, movers, specialized contractors, architects and interior decorators.

"Buyers and sellers often require specialized assistance in the real estate process and will be able to seek help from experts," said Ellen F. Affel of Keller-Williams. "The HomeWorks Connection provides a convenient opportunity for individuals contemplating a real estate transaction to meet a select group of specialists with no cost or obligation."

As part of the community focus of the show, Habitat for Humanity will be recognized for the work it does in rebuilding neighborhoods and providing affordable housing for low income families.

Breast Cancer Is Topic At YWCA Speaker Series

As part of its monthly guest speaker series, The Breast Cancer Resource Center of the YWCA Princeton will present "Breast Cancer in the Family" on Tuesday, February 11, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the YWCA Princeton's Bramwell House Living Room on Paul Robeson Place.

Jill C. Baran, certified genetic counselor at the Cancer Institute of New Jersey, will be the guest speaker. She will discuss the role genes and environment play in the development of breast cancer, the status of genetic testing for breast cancer, and the connection between breast cancer and ovarian cancer. She will also address what someone who is at high risk for the development of breast cancer can do about it.

The Breast Cancer Resource Center of the YWCA Princeton (BCRC) sponsors community outreach programs, seminars, and an educational lecture series. Located at 914 Commons Way, Montgomery Commons, it has a free lending library of books, audios, and videos.

The "Breast Cancer in the Family" program is free and open to the public. For more information call (609) 252-2003.

Open House Dates Set For Waldorf School

The Waldorf School of Princeton will offer several opportunities for interested parents to attend open house information evenings in February.

The Grade School programs will be presented and discussed on Tuesday, February 4 at 7:30 p.m. Early childhood programs will be presented and discussed on Tuesday, February 11 at 7 p.m.

Open house events will take place at the school's main campus, located at 1062 Cherry Hill Road in Montgomery Township. For further information or to make a reservation, call the Admissions Office at (609) 466-1970, ext. 15 or visit the school's website at www.princetonwaldorf.org.

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Council Looks At Road Work Planned For Borough in 2003

Having completed a marathon number of meetings that finally led to a vote to go forward with the downtown redevelopment project, Borough Council last Tuesday night turned its attention to a discussion of road reconstruction.

Borough Engineer Carl Peters presented an ambitious plan for road overlays and reconstruction for 2003. It includes a resurfacing project on Hamilton Avenue, from North Harrison Street to Moore Street; and road reconstruction of Elm Road, North Tulane Street, and Madison Street.

Other roads scheduled for improvement this year are Alexander Street and University Place to Dicklnson Street; the John-Witherspoon streets of Quarry, Green, Lytle and Maclean; as well as Pine Street, Harrison Street, Evelyn Place, Aiken Avenue, and Murray Place.

In addition, the Borough will move forward on a Jefferson Road area drainage project. This is aimed at dealing with runoff from Princeton Cemetery that surges downhill and has caused severe flooding in a number of residences.

A Heavy Schedule

"This is a lot to do, but we pushed things off from 2002," said Mr. Peters. "The schedule has got to be this way if we're going to get the jobs done." The Borough did not do any road reconstruction projects last year.

Bank Street has been taken off the list because the Borough has heard no word about the study being done to determine the cost of burying overhead wires underground. In addition, said Mr. Peters, there has been no decision about whether Bank Street should receive a more aesthetically sensitive streetscape design. A similar study of the cost of burying wires underground has been planned for University Place and Alexander Street.

The long-discussed reconstruction of Witherspoon Street will probably be postponed until 2005, said Mr. Peters. "The fact is, Witherspoon Street will not be able to be done until the parking garage is done." He said there is a possibility the work could begin in 2004, but he noted that it will have a great impact on traffic.

Councilman Roger Martindell asked whether work on Hamilton Avenue should be deferred because construction traffic for the downtown development might cause damage to the newly resurfaced roadway. Mr. Peters said that the east end of Hamilton will not be the site of major construction traffic.

Truck Traffic

"There has got to be heavy truck traffic on North Tulane," continued Mr. Martindell. "And isn't that a route we want access to without interruption?"

Councilwoman Wendy Benchley concurred, and suggested that reconstruction of North Tulane Street be deferred until after downtown construction is complete. Mr. Peters suggested that road reconstruction be done, but that the surface layer be put down later.

Mr. Peters also told Council that aggressive bidding by contractors created the opportunity to have the road projects completed at good prices, providing the Borough acts quickly.

Mayor Marvin Reed and Ms. Benchley advocated delaying the resurfacing of Green, Quarry, Lytle and Maclean streets until 2004. "We may need those streets for parking during construction," said Ms. Benchley.

"We have already conceded that 2003 is going to be a difficult year for the merchants," said Councilman David Goldfarb. "There is nothing about these contracts that is going to make it significantly worse."

—Myrna K. Bearse

Chinese New Year Show To Mark "Kids at Work"

Thanks to a generous contribution in honor of Estelle M. Sands made by her children and their families, the Arts Council of Princeton will continue its "Kids at Work: Discovery through Art" program through 2003.

The upcoming "Kids at Work" will revolve around the Arts Council's display of cultural and artistic traditions associated with Chinese New Year. An opening reception for this exhibit, which is also made possible by the Sands family, will take place on Friday, February 7, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

"Kids at Work" is designed to enrich and supplement art education for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. The program offers schoolchildren an opportunity to learn about the contemporary arts and cultural traditions through exhibits in the Arts Council's WPA Alternative Gallery. Many of these displays feature unusual materials and uncommon themes, often stretching one's conception of conventional art.

Each "Kids at Work" program begins with a qualified docent or instructor who helps the students interpret the innovative work they are viewing. They are also taught about the artist who created the work or the specific cultural tradition on view.

Next, the instructor conducts a creative "hands on" art project with the children that relates to and further explores the exhibit they have just seen. For example, the instructor may choose to focus on color, texture, or composition, depending on the techniques featured in the display. Each child leaves the workshop having learned a new way of experiencing art, perhaps a new approach to creating it, and a unique work of art of their own.

In previous years, "Kids at Work" occurred only once a year. Thanks to the generous donation by the family of Estelle Sands, however, the Arts Council can now sponsor the program twice a year, once in the winter and once in the fall.

At the opening of the Chinese New Year exhibition, visitors can view the exhibit in the gallery; see a demonstration of Chinese brush painting and practice it themselves; sample traditional foods served during Chinese New Year; view a customary "lion dance" costume; and watch a traditional Chinese Fan Dance performed by students in area Chinese language schools.

In the days following the opening, the Arts Council will be hosting the "Kids at Work" workshops. Teachers in the Princeton elementary schools are invited to bring their classes to the Arts Council during the school day for the workshops. A maximum of fifteen classes can be scheduled; therefore, preregistration is required.

The Arts Council is located in the Paul Robeson Building at 102 Witherspoon Street. For more information or to register a class, call (609) 924-8777 or visit www.artscouncilofprinceton.org.

Red Cross Bloodmobile To Visit Lawrenceville

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will visit Lawrenceville on February 11, from 3 to 8 p.m., at the Lawrence Intermediate School at 66 Eggerts Crossing Road.

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Jim Sykes,
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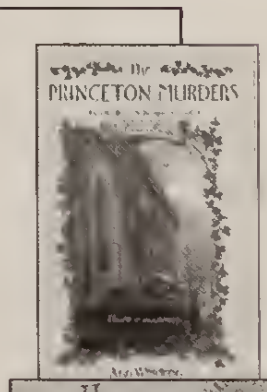
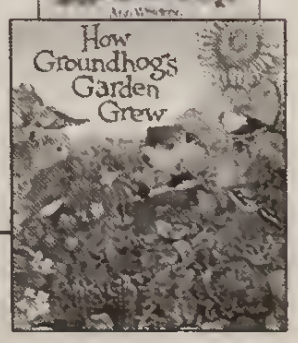
Upcoming U-Store Author Events

Wed. Feb. 12	7:00 pm	Princeton Anthropology Professor **Lawrence Rosen,** *The Culture of Islam*
Thurs. Feb. 13	7:00 pm	Princeton writer **Ann Waldron,** The Princeton Murders: Big Crime on Campus
Sun. Feb. 16	3:00 pm	**Cool Women Poets.** *Cool Women Poets Vol. II*
Tues. Feb. 25	7:00 pm	Poet **Jean Hollander** and Princeton European Literature Professor **Robert Hollander,** verse translators. *Dante's Purgatorio*
Sat. March 1	11:00 am	Environmental children's author **Lynne Cherry,** *How Groundhog's Garden Grew*
Sat. March 1	2:00 pm	**George Gallup** and **Michael Lindsay,** The Gallup Guide: *Reality Check for 21st Century Churches*
Wed. Mar. 5	7:00 pm	**Ira Black,** Chairman of Neuroscience and Cell Biology, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, *The Changing Brain: Alzheimer's Disease and Advances in Neuroscience*
Wed. Mar. 12	7:00 pm	Princeton alumnus and Editor-in-Chief of Maxim Magazine **Keith Blanchard.** *The Deed*
Wed. Mar. 26	7:00 pm	Princeton alumnus **Tom Paine.** *The Pearl of Kuwait*
Wed. April 2	7:00 pm	Princeton Professor of Creative Writing **Paul Muldoon.** *May Sand and Gravel*
Sat. April 5	11:00 am	**Andrew Fairbanks,** former Associate Dean of Admissions at Wesleyan University. *Joining the Elite*





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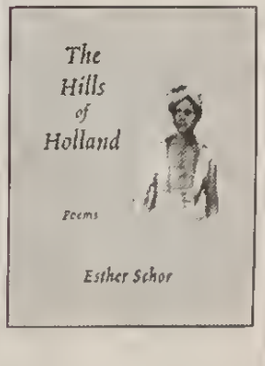

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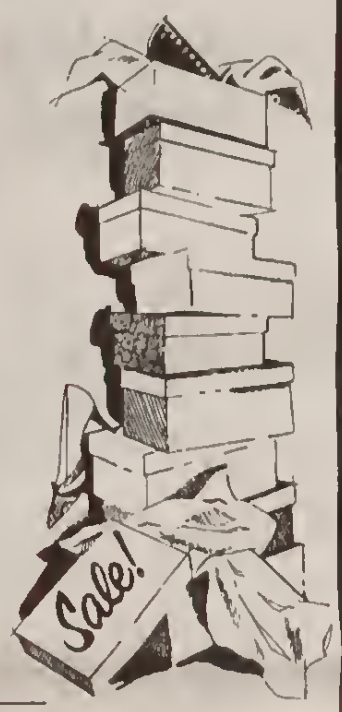

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St. Paul Students Earn Academic Accolades

Students at St. Paul School in Princeton recently earned second place in their division and received top medals in most subject areas in the 21st annual Scholastic Olympics held at McCorristin Catholic High School.

The academic competition was open to eighth grade Catholic elementary school students in Mercer and Burlington counties, with 12 schools competing in the January 9 event.

Competition was held in the subjects of art, English, history, mathematics, religion, science, and spelling, with testing based on accumulated core knowledge within each subject.

"We are so proud of our students for their achievements and participation in the Scholastic Olympics," said St. Paul School Principal Elizabeth Barrella. "We also commend all of our teachers for their commitment to children and to academic excellence."

St. Paul School, located at 218 Nassau Street, is a Catholic elementary school providing academic and religious education for children in kindergarten through eighth grade. Founded in 1880 by the Sisters of Mercy, St. Paul School has a current enrollment of more than 400 students.

Weekend Antiques Show To Benefit Womanspace

The 2003 Lawrenceville/Princeton Antiques Show will be held Saturday, February 15, and Sunday, February 16, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the National Guard Armory in Lawrenceville.

Approximately 40 antiques dealers will showcase their stocks. Admission is $6, and proceeds benefit Womanspace.

The armory is located at 151 Eggert Crossing Road, one-quarter mile off Route 206, five miles south of Princeton.

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YWCA to Hold Benefit At McCarter Theatre

The YWCA Princeton has teamed up with McCarter Theatre and Berlitz Inc. to hold its premier benefit of the season, an evening of cocktails, dinner, and theater on Friday, February 28. Patrons will see Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, directed by Emily Mann.

The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. with cocktails provided by McCaffrey's Wines and Liquors. It will be followed by a dinner catered by Mediterra Restaurant, with dessert and coffee from Starbucks. Tony Award-winning actress Blair Brown will play the lead role of Prospera in Ms. Mann's adaptation of *The Tempest*.

The play — with its unique gender twist and non-traditional casting of the lead — seemed the perfect selection for the YWCA Princeton, according to benefit committee members.

Proceeds from the evening will help support the YWCA Princeton Child Care Center at the Valley Road School, a nursery school and day care center focusing on kindergarten readiness for non-English speaking children.

The event marks the third year the YWCA has held its spring benefit at McCarter Theatre. "Like the YWCA, McCarter is an integral asset to this community," noted Eileen Conway, Executive Director of the YWCA Princeton. "They open their doors and their hearts to so many organizations in the Princeton and Trenton area, and their personnel have gone out of their way to make it effortless for our organization to hold benefit events."

Dinner and performance tickets are $500 each for leadership sponsors, or $250 for benefit sponsors. Performance-only theater sponsor tickets are $100 each. For more information, call (609) 497-2100, ext. 333.

Better Communication Is Sought With Borough

Borough Council will meet with members of Borough Merchants for Princeton at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday night, February 11. This will precede the regularly scheduled Council meeting, which will begin at 7:30.

The purpose of the meeting is to have an open discussion with merchants and business people about issues in the downtown.

A statement from the merchants' group notes that there is a need for the Borough to be proactive with its planning processes.

The questions that are expected to raised by the merchants include: How to avoid lack of communication in situations such as the closing of Witherspoon Street; Is a timeline in place for future construction?; What measures are currently in place to better help the merchants weather the remainder of the construction?; What programs and incentives are available to employers to help encourage employees not to park in the prime parking spaces?; and what are the plans for parking signage during construction.

Council's meeting with the merchants' group is open to the public.

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A forum for Princeton residents to express opinions about local and national issues

Question of the Week:

What was your reaction to this year's State of the Union address?

"I haven't been really happy with the President's rhetoric lately about ... war, but it wasn't as [harsh] as I expected. He did say that we had to have a coalition, so I was happy to hear that. The domestic issues, some of it was pretty good, ... but probably the speech all came down to the last ten minutes when he talked about the war. I'm not for the tax cuts. I feel like we're back into Reagan trickle-down economies and that has proved not to work. The policy toward AIDS in Africa was very good. Overall, I wasn't as disappointed as I expected to be."

— Dave Katz, Witherspoon Street

"It was surprisingly coherent. It outlined a pretty well-thought-out and articulate vision of where the nation needs to go. His statement about historic education reform was a bit preposterous in light of what is going on in public schools throughout the U.S. His presentation of some evidence regarding the Iraq situation and his substantiation of claims he had made earlier regarding the difficulties of U.N. weapon inspectors ... outlined a pretty clear rationale for why we should go to war, though I'm not supportive of the war yet."

— Dan-El Padilla, Holder Hall, Princeton University

"I think it was surprising in its amount of domestic initiatives, including the AIDS package for Africa, which is huge. No surprises on the foreign front. We just hope he knows more than we know, because we can't see any reason to do it. I think that the dividends tax reduction — while it may be something that is correcting an injustice — is not really a broad-based initiative that is going to do much for this recession and for the average person. Even in Princeton, it's not going to do that much, and it's a pretty elite place."

— Earl Ainsworth, Moore Street

"I thought it was effective and appropriate. I thought it dealt with the issues — of the economy and Iraq — realistically and appropriately. He very specifically stated what Iraq had been doing to circumvent everything and that they weren't about to disarm. He is looking for a long-term solution for economic growth. And even though his program maybe doesn't give the quickest relief to the economy, I think long-term it does the job."

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BELLE OF THE BALL: Bill Curtis of Bound Brook, left, competes in the informal costume competition held as part of Sunday's Sound of Music Sing-a-long at McCarter Theatre. Mr. Curtis, dressed as the Baroness at the ball, was chosen by audience applause as the winner of Sunday's competition.

University Approves Budget, Increases in Tuition Rates

On January 25, Princeton University's board of trustees adopted a 2003-2004 operating budget of $850 million that includes a tuition raise and special funding for a number of areas such as University Health Services, the library, and information technology.

The trustees acted on budget recommendations from President Shirley M. Tilghman, based on a report by the Priorities Committee of the Council of the Princeton University Community. The committee, which is composed of faculty, staff, and students and chaired by Provost Amy Gutmann, has served as the mechanism for recommending the University's fiscal and programmatic priorities for more than three decades.

"Our recommendations," wrote Provost Gutmann in an introductory letter to the report, "can be summarized as doing our best to constrain the growth of tuition, room, and board while providing the most urgently needed staff positions to health services, stemming the erosion in purchasing power of the library acquisitions budget, enhancing the security of the University's information technology resources, and supporting other important requests that are essential to enhancing the quality of the Princeton experience."

As part of the budget, the trustees approved a 4.5 percent increase in the rate of tuition, room, and board.

Accordingly, the University's undergraduate charges will increase to $36,649 next year, a rate that is expected to be one of the lowest among its peers. Tuition will be $28,540, an increase of 4.8 percent; room will be $4,109, an increase of 5 percent; and board will be $4,000, an increase of 1.8 percent.

Graduate tuition will increase by 4.8 percent to $28,540. Room and board charges will vary according to graduate students' housing and dining plans, but will increase at rates similar to those for undergraduates.

"Because Princeton is committed to maintaining as strong an undergraduate financial aid program as possible," said Provost Gutmann, "the committee is confident that this rate of increase in tuition and fees is fully consistent with the University's leadership position in ensuring that its excellent education is affordable to all students who merit admission to Princeton on a need-blind basis."

She added, "While the rate of increase recommended for this year is higher than the rates recommended over the past several years, it is lower than the average national rate of increase last year in both public and private institutions."

According to the College Board, tuition and fees increased 5.8 percent at four-year private institutions and 9.6 percent at four-year public institutions in 2002-2003.

Provost Gutmann noted that the financial aid budget will be

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Broadway, Film Producer To Visit Public Library

Noted Broadway and film producer Philip Rose will appear at the Princeton Public Library on Thursday, February 6, at 7:30 p.m.

He will discuss his theatrical memoir "You Can't Do That On Broadway! Presenting A Raisin in the Sun and Other Theatrical Improbabilities."

The event is part of the library's Carolyn Llewellyn Champlin Writer's Talking series. A short film about *A Raisin in the Sun* will follow Mr. Rose's talk, and he will then take questions from the audience.

Mr. Rose's memoir is a chronicle of bringing *A Raisin in the Sun* to Broadway and many other fascinating events in the recent history of New York City theater. He also described the lifelong bond the play forged between himself, playwright Lorraine Hansberry, and actor Sidney Poitier.

"This book is fabulous," said Mr. Poitier. "It rings with truth and strikes home with the power of a great evening in the theater."

Mr. Rose became famous in 1959 after producing the critically acclaimed *A Raisin in the Sun* on Broadway, in which he cast the first African-American actress in the history of Broadway. The play, which won the Drama Critics Award for Best Play of the Year, ran for 530 performances.

Over the years, Mr. Rose produced more than 20 Broadway shows and several movies. He continued with his non-traditional casting approach in the production of *The Owl and the Pussycot*, in which he cast Diana Sands.

Mr. Rose won three Tony Awards — director, producer, and co-author — for *Purlie Victorious*. He also produced *Shenandoah*, which was nominated for six Tony Awards and won two. His other Broadway productions include *Nobody Loves an Albotross*, *Split Second*, *Does a Tiger Wear o Neckloce?* and *Checkmotes*.

He was recently honored at the Majestic Theatre for his outstanding contributions to the American theatre and nontraditional casting.

Copies of his memoir will be available for purchase and signing. No registration is necessary for the event. Refreshments will be served.

Princeton Public Library is temporarily located in Princeton Shopping Center at 301 North Harrison Street. For more information about the library's programs and services, call (609) 924-9529 or visit www.princetonlibrary.org

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Arts Council to Host "Heavenly HeARTs"

The Arts Council of Princeton's loft studio will be transformed into a romantic haven on Valentine's Day evening, when couples and individuals are invited to celebrate the evening in a unique and romantic way.

"Heavenly HeARTs," an evening of music, dancing, and artistic Valentine creations, will take place on Friday, February 14 from 7 to 10 p.m.

An alternative to the traditional celebration of Valentine's Day and a perfect way to extend the evening after dinner, "Heavenly HeARTs" will offer a variety of romantic options.

Throughout the evening, participants will be entertained with live music and will enjoy a variety of sweets — including three varieties of chocolate fondue — and refreshments for couples to enjoy.

A unique component of the evening will be "Valentine Corner," where guests will have an opportunity to create a hand-made valentine for their sweethearts guided by an Arts Council instructor. Samples of Valentines will be on display, or guests can use their imaginations to create their own special valentine.

Couples will also be automatically registered for a door prize drawing that will be held at 9:30 p.m. Prizes include a romantic night at a premiere local hotel, a dinner for two at Mediterra, a gift basket from Blue Tulip, and other surprises.

To help all Princeton area parents have a romantic Valentine's Day, the YMCA is offering "Parents Night Out," a childcare service on that evening from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. For more information on this service and its pricing, please call the YMCA at (609) 497-9622, ext. 226.

The cost for the evening of "Heavenly HeARTs" at the Arts Council is $25 per couple if pre-registered, or $35 per couple at the door.

The Arts Council of Princeton is located in the Paul Robeson Building at 102 Witherspoon Street. For more information, call the Arts Council at (609) 924-8777 or visit www.artscouncilof princeton.org.

Program on Medications Offered by Senior Center

"Educate Before you Medicate" will be the theme of a program offered by the Princeton Senior Resource Center on Thursday, February 6, at 1 p.m. at Spruce Circle. Called "Senior Sense," the program is designed to inform seniors on the wise use of prescription medications and alcohol.

Do you know if you can have a drink with the medications you take? Are you concerned about someone who seems to be drinking or taking too much medication? Do you ever forget to take your medication? Do you understand the potential side-effects of your medications? And what can you do to help make your medications more effective? These are among the questions the program will address.

Refreshments will be served, and gifts and give-aways will be distributed. To register, call (609) 924-7108.

PHS Studio Band to Offer Big Band Performance

On Friday, February 7 from 7 to 10 p.m., the Princeton High School Studio Band will hold its next big band performance and dance.

Young and old alike are invited to celebrate Valentine's Day early and join the band as they play "Take the A-Train," "Pennsylvania 6-5000," "Route 66," and other favorites from an extensive repertoire of big band music under the artistic direction of J. Downey.

The PHS Studio Band will host additional dances throughout the winter and spring to raise funds for trips to future jazz competitions. Dress is casual, and light refreshments will be available. Admission is $5 at the door.

The dance will be held in the Princeton High School Cafeteria, located at 151 Moore Street. Patrons may enter from Walnut Street. For more information, call (609) 818-4544 or write baidwinc @rcn.com.

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Comcast Pulls Anti-War Ad Filmed by Princeton Group

Last week, the Princeton-based Anti-War Video Fund (AWVF) unveiled an anti-war advertisement that was pulled off the air by Comcast Cable Communications in Washington D.C. hours before it was scheduled to be aired during President Bush's State of the Union speech.

Members of AWVF showed the 30-second advertisement at a press conference at the State House in Trenton on Wednesday, January 29.

The ad, which features a montage of Princeton-area residents expressing their opinions about President Bush's anticipated preemptive strike against Iraq, was pulled after Comcast deemed that certain statements contained unsubstantiated allegations.

"Comcast runs advertisements from many sources representing a wide range of viewpoints, pro and con, on numerous issues of importance to the public," said Jeff Alexander, Comcast spokesman. "However, we must decline to run any spot that fails to substantiate certain claims or allegations. In our view, this spot raises such questions."

According to AWVF, on the video, former Princeton Township Mayor Jim Floyd expressed the sentiment that the U.S. unilateral war effort was being conducted by a "self-appointed group of mercenaries." Another citizen articulated the opinion that any such action was "a violation of international law."

"Our mission is to raise awareness amongst the public that the views of the people do not necessarily reflect those of President Bush," said AWVF organizer Jenny Crumiller. "Comcast purports the opinions expressed by the people in the commercial are 'unsubstantiated claims.' We believe the justification for the war on Iraq rests largely on 'unsubstantiated claims.'"

After being filmed in Princeton, the video was screened to an audience of approximately 100 people at the Arts Council of Princeton on January 19. AWVF plans to file a complaint with the Federal Communications Commission.

—David McNutt

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Undercover Operation Yields Summonses For Four Students

An undercover police investigation begun in November, 2002, has resulted in the serving of summonses to four Princeton University students, all charged on February 4 with making alcoholic beverages available to minors at University eating clubs.

According to Borough police, an undercover police officer observed minors being served at Quadrangle Club, 33 Prospect Avenue, and Colonial Club, 40 Prospect Avenue.

Quadrangle Club president Rolando Amaya, 22, and Colonial Club president Christopher G. Langhammer, also 22, were each charged with three counts of making alcoholic beverages available to a minor, and maintaining a nuisance. In addition, Justin J. Mirabal, 22, and Anna Rachael Dray-Siegel, 18, who are alleged to have been acting as bartenders at the Colonial Club, were each charged with two counts of serving alcoholic beverages to a minor.

The four were assigned a court date of February 17.

Jewelry and a digital camera valued at approximately $20,000 were stolen from a home on Magnolia Lane on January 31. According to the home owner who reported the burglary, it occurred sometime between 12:30 and 2 p.m. Finding no sign of forced entry, police reported that the home was entered by unknown means. They have no suspect.

Burglary, theft and criminal mischief were also reported in an incident at Princeton High School. Sometime between 8 p.m. on January 24 and 7 a.m. on January 27, suspect(s) unknown entered a temporary classroom in Trailer No. 9 through an unlocked window. Once inside, they sprayed two fire extinguishers in rooms No. 7 and No. 8 before stealing four clocks, valued at $200 each. One of the two fire extinguishers was later recovered on school grounds.

A South Brunswick woman was the victim of a burglary on January 28, when a rear window of her automobile was broken into between 9 and 10 a.m. while it was parked on Hulfish Street. Donna Usisicin, 33, reported the theft of her purse, which contained an Anne Klein wallet, Nokia cellphone, 3M Palm Pilot, and other items having a total value of $764.

A case of criminal mischief was reported during the afternoon of February 2, when a car legally parked on Prospect Avenue was unlawfully removed from the parking place and dragged across the sidewalk to the front entrance of a University building at 51 Prospect Avenue, blocking the entrance. Unable to contact the vehicle's owner, police ordered the car towed to the Larini Sunoco Station on Alexander Street. When the owner — Heather White, 28, of Princeton — returned to Prospect Avenue, she reported the car stolen. Police then took her to Larini's to retrieve her car. Damage to the car, if any, was not reported.

Efren Diaz-Garcia, a 28-year-old Witherspoon Street resident, was arrested January 22 for failure to appear in compliance with a court-ordered 30-day sentence at the Mercer County Correction Center. He was charged with contempt of court for ignoring the arrest warrant, and taken to the Correction Center to begin serving his sentence.

A 22-year-old Princeton University student, Jerry York Carnegie, of Cos Cob, Conn., was stopped January 31 on Prospect Avenue after police saw him driving the wrong way on a one-way street. He was subsequently arrested when police determined that he had been operating his vehicle under the influence of alcohol. He was charged with DWI, refusal to take a breath test, and possession of marijuana. A court date was set for February 10.

Hate Fliers Distributed In Princeton Locations

For the third time in less than a year, a West Virginia-based white supremacist group has distributed hate fliers in Princeton.

As in the past, the fliers were placed in zippered plastic bags, weighted down with sand, and tossed into driveways and in front of houses in both the Borough and Township. The incidents occurred Sunday night.

Borough police were alerted when a resident of Fisher Avenue called about the fliers. Officers were sent to to retrieve them. Targeted streets included Erdman and Fisher avenues. Fliers were also distributed on Clearview Avenue in the Township.

The neo-Nazi group, National Alliance, had distributed similar fliers in Princeton in June and October of last year. Police have stated they do not violate the law and no investigation is planned.

One flier distributed in Princeton calls the B'nai B'rith Anti Defamation League (ADL) "America's Greatest Enemy," and states there will be no future for white children in "the Third Woid America that our nation's enemies are planning." A second urges that Jews be deported to Israel.

According to the ADL, The National Alliance is the largest and most active neo-Nazi organization in the United States. Its stated aim is "to build a better world and a better race" and to create "a new government ... answerable to White people only."

The ADL states that, over the last several years, dozens of violent crimes, including murders, bombings and robberies, have been traced to National Alliance members, or appear to have been inspired by the group's propaganda.

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PREPARING FOR THE WORST: U.S. Congressman Rush Holt, right, talks with Kevin Sullivan, CEO of the Red Cross of Central New Jersey, in front of a display showing items that should go into a disaster preparation kit. The two appeared at a January press conference to announce the creation of a program to train local businesses in emergency response. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

Red Cross Organizes Local Business To Cope with Disaster Situations

In the event of a terrorist attack or a natural disaster, individuals and businesses need to know how to respond quickly and effectively, says the American Red Cross.

"A better prepared community is a safer community," said Kevin Sullivan, CEO of Central New Jersey Red Cross. "Disaster response and preparation has taken on a new meaning for all of us since September 11. The complexity of this challenge has grown significantly."

To help meet that challenge, the Red Cross is organizing a network of local businesses that can share resources in the event of a disaster. The Red Cross will help participating businesses prepare their employees and families with disaster plans and response skills.

In the event of a disaster, corporate cafeterias could be used to cook food for disaster victims, company vehicles could be used to transport food and cots to shelters and distribution points, and business communications systems could be used to help direct response efforts and trace missing persons.

More than 30 companies have signed on, and the Red Cross hopes to attract many more.

U.S. Congressman Rush Holt lent his support to the program in January, speaking at a press conference about the importance of developing a coordinated local response.

Federal funds support national preparations for disaster response, but it is even more important, said Rep. Holt, to know who will do what on a local level in the event of a disaster. "It will surely be the local response that is most important in whether people survive, whether they can get back to their lives and their jobs."

The Red Cross program will coordinate the local response by training people and cataloguing resources. "It seems obvious, but it hasn't been done yet," said Rep. Holt. "I want to do what I can to see that every business across the five counties I represent signs up for this," he said.

Business Support

Representatives of some of the businesses already committed to the program added their voices to Rep. Holt's at the press conference.

"If we can get a good network together, where everybody knows the resources available, we can all benefit from that," said Bob Morgan of Laureate Pharma. He said Laureate Pharma could potentially provide scientific expertise, offer space, vehicles, or the use of communications systems.

He added that, in the event of a disaster, employees will have personal worries that will limit their ability to work effectively. Planning ahead of time will help ensure "minimum disruption," he said.

The most important thing to come out of the business network, said Red Cross board member Diane Procaccini, will be "heightened communications between companies, the Red Cross, and government."

Ms. Procaccini said her company, Merrill Lynch, could potentially provide space, volunteers, security officers, a communications system, and a cafeteria for cooking meals. She noted that planning for the use of specific resources was still in the early stages. "We are looking to the Red Cross -- as the country did -- for ideas."

Training Personnel

While resource coordination is an important aspect of the business network, said Mr. Sullivan, "The key would be to work with us in training personnel."

The Red Cross encourages people to create personal plans for dealing with disasters. Recommended disaster preparations include stocking up on food, water, and other essential items that would allow people to live self-sufficiently in their homes for several days. Planning how to contact family members, pick up children, and care for pets, would help families remain calm and act wisely in the event of a disaster.

"They can minimize the effects of a disaster with their own personal preparation," said Mr. Sullivan. "We are going to be able to concentrate on the directly affected."

In addition to helping employees establish plans for contacting their families and checking on the safety of their belongings, business owners can help employees train as Red Cross volunteers.

The Red Cross has a formal training program that prepares volunteers to respond to disaster situations. Further training prepares volunteers to feed and care for large numbers of people, manage shelters, or assess damage.

In the event of a disaster, said Mr. Sullivan, the Red Cross also uses a large staff of volunteers to run call centers. Call center volunteers trace family members for worried relatives and answer the many calls from people volunteering to help.

The main benefit for businesses of participating in the network is "the ability to keep their business running," said Mr. Sullivan. "If their business isn't running -- employees have to go home to take care of their families -- they are losing time and money." Participating in the program also shows employees that their employer is concerned for their safety, he said.

The Red Cross and Rep. Holt will continue to recruit companies of all types for the network. It has even held discussions with Princeton University about using Jadwin Gymnasium as a possible shelter site. "We've never thought on that scale before," said Mr. Sullivan.

—Rebecca Blackwell

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- 2 tsp. cardamom
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- Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 375 degrees

Pulse parsley and onion in food processor 3 to 4 times to coarse chop. Sauté in 3 quart sauce pot with the oil until onion is transparent. Add raw rice and toss to coat. Add chicken broth and 1 tsp. of cardamom — bring to boil, turn heat down to low and simmer covered for 25 minutes. Season hens with salt and pepper on both sides — skin side down place hens in preheated oven for 30 minutes. Brush with preserves on both sides, turn hens skin side up, turn oven temperature down to 325 degrees and bake for 25 minutes — brush with preserves, turn the hens skin side down, sprinkle cavity with cardamom and fill with rice. Dollop tops of rice with preserves and bake 15 minutes longer. Place finished hens on warm serving platter.

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Elizabeth A. Duffy

The Lawrenceville School Names Duffy as New Head

Last week, after an exhaustive five-month search process, the board of trustees of The Lawrenceville School named Elizabeth A. Dulfy as the 12th head master of the school, effective July 1.

Currently the executive director of the Ball Foundation, Ms. Duffy will replace present head master Michael Cary, who announced last September that he would be stepping down at the end of the current school year.

"The Board is delighted to announce the selection of Liz Duffy to serve as its new head master," said board president Willard Bunn III. "In addition to appealing personal qualities and a background in education, Liz has abundant administrative experience, a resource that is important because Lawrenceville is not only a great school, but also a complex organization."

"I am honored that the board has chosen me to lead one of the preeminent independent secondary schools in the nation," said Ms. Dulfy. "In its 192-year history, Lawrenceville has only had eleven head masters. I clearly have some big shoes to fill, but I am excited by the challenge.

"Lawrenceville has often been at the forefront of educational innovation, while at the same time maintaining and nurturing long traditions," she added. "I intend to keep true to that heritage as we approach the school's bicentennial. I look forward to working with an exceptional community of faculty, students, parents, and alumni."

Ms. Duffy graduated magna cum laude from Princeton University in 1988 with an A.B. in molecular biology. In 1993, she received an M.B.A. from the Graduate School of Business at Stanford University and an A.M. in administration and policy analysis from Stanford's School of Education.

Chosen from a field of more than 50 initial applicants, Ms. Duffy has an extensive background in education. In her present post at the Ball Foundation, located in Glen Ellyn, IL, she heads a $60 million operating foundation and leads a staff of 27. The foundation focuses on kindergarten through 12th grade school improvement and career development.

Prior to joining the Ball Foundation, Ms. Dulfy was vice president and director of program development for the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation in Princeton.

She has also worked for the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation in various posts — including financial and administrative officer, program associate, and research associate — and prior to that for Princeton University as administrator of the Student Volunteers Council and an assistant master of Rockefeller College.

When informed of her appointment, Ms. Dulfy's former boss and mentor William G. Bowen, president of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and former president of Princeton University, said, "I'm delighted that the board of trustees has appointed Liz Dulfy to serve as Lawrenceville's new head master.

"Liz has remarkable organizational and leadership gifts, under-girded by a passion for people and education," added Mr. Bowen. "She is creative, energetic, and caring. I am confident that she will provide strong leadership as Lawrenceville maintains its longstanding emphasis on integrity and reaches for new standards of excellence. This is a bold appointment, which speaks well for both Lawrenceville and Liz Duffy."

Ms. Duffy is married to John Gutman, a 1979 graduate of The Lawrenceville School, and they have two children.

Red Cross Seeks Volunteers

The American Red Cross has announced that it is seeking volunteers in two areas.

Volunteer drivers are needed to transport elderly and disabled residents to medical appointments in Red Cross vehicles. Volunteers should have a clean driving record, be able to follow maps, and be able to volunteer at least four hours at a time.

American Red Cross volunteers deliver meals to those who are homebound and unable to prepare meals for themselves. Volunteers should be able to spare at least two hours at a time. Couriers who deliver meals from Red Cross vendors to the volunteers are also needed.

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MAILBOX

Recovering Victim of Stabbing at His Home Thanks All Who Helped Him and His Family

To the Editor:

I was involved in a dreadful incident on a recent night in which a deranged man stabbed and tried to kill me and my family in our home. By the grace of God, I survived. My family and I have received an enormous outpouring of concern and support, for which we are humbled and grateful. We thank all those who have helped us.

In particular, I would like to register my profound gratitude to the people who saved my life that night and took care to get me well enough to now be at home recuperating.

Princeton Township Police Department Patrolmen Harry Martinez, Christopher King, Fred Williams and Sergeant Judd Petrone were the first responders for us. Imagine how brave they are to immediately put themselves in what they knew to be an extremely dangerous situation, at 2 a.m. My own experience of their courage was when Harry Martinez, applying pressure to my bleeding chest as I lay on my back, couldn't know if additional intruders were in the house. When he heard family members coming downstairs he instinctively threw himself over me to protect me. Courage in action, the Princeton Township police are true heroes.

The EMT team who arrived immediately afterward were equally heroic to us. I am grateful for their skill and presence of mind in a fast moving situation. They stanched the bleeding and performed emergency medical procedures to relieve pressure on a collapsed lung. They and their colleagues hurried me to Helene Fuld Trauma Center.

I never had a reason to be at Helene Fuld - nor had I ever arrived anywhere on a roof by helicopter - but I'd be glad to tell you how lucky I feel for the remarkable skill they showed in evaluating and treating my multiple stab wounds. Dr. Louis D'Amelio and his team of professional trauma experts are extraordinarily able.

My experience with trauma care at Helene Fuld was a marvel of training across multiple specialties, speedy analysis and decision-making, the right resources in place at the right time, and excellent communication with the fully conscious victim. Amazing!

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For all these professionals, I am truly grateful. I saw the face of God in their faces. And I thank our merciful and providential Creator for each of them and for my brother-in-law, Bob Sullivan, who saved my life so that there would be something left of me for them to work with.

WILLIAM SWORD, JR.
The Great Road

Deer Program Critic Believes Princeton Cannot Solve Wildlife Issue in Isolation

To the Editor:

In response to Mr. Leedhams's letter to the editor (January 29) concerning the deer culling program: unfortunately, the program has not been and cannot be a success. It is a waste of taxpayer time and money.

The critics are not a small group of angry people but are rather a vocal cadre with support from all over the state, including Governor McGreevey who has called net and bolting a "heinous" and "barbaric" method of killing deer.

The head of the Township-appointed deer evaluation committee pleaded last Monday to keep killing because "if we don't, the number of does still alive will reproduce enough to wipe out our gains..."

Critics of Princeton's arrogant herd reduction efforts have pointed out that a community situated in the middle of a gigantic forest reaching from Maine to Virginia will never be able to isolate itself from the denizens of that forest. We can spend and kill all we want and unless we can get the bucks from Hopewell, Montgomery, South Brunswick, and Lawrenceville to stop romancing the beautiful does left in Princeton, we will be back where we started in a few years.

The emotionalism surrounding Lyme disease, nibbled gardens, and auto accident rates ought to be tuned down and the legitimacy of these complaints studied by more competent authorities than we can afford.

Our Health Commission and Wildlife Committee members may be sincere but why not let them testify on a more effective stage than the conference room at the Municipal Building? This is, at very least, a matter for the State Legislature, not just the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife, to begin to take seriously.

If Princeton is affected so negatively by the rampaging deer, what about our neighboring communities with less money at their disposal... and perhaps, with less arrogance, but certainly, with the same proportion of deer?

Potholes can be experienced more easily than our success at managing deer. But that's another subject, isn't it?

HAROLD KLENSCH
Prospect Avenue

Most Arguments Against Garage Proposal Based on Myths or Fears, Rather than Facts

To the Editor:

Princeton Borough Council has voted decisively "yes," 5-1, in favor of the downtown development project. Both the supporters and the opponents of the development clearly want what is best for our town. The debate is over what will indeed be best.

I have concluded that Borough Council's development project is best. I believe that most of the arguments against the development are based on myths or fears, rather than facts.

One fear is that the buildings in the development will be so massive that they will ruin Princeton's small town feeling. But the fact is that a number of buildings in the downtown are even larger than the proposed development, yet they have not ruined our small town feeling.

Another fear is that the development will encourage the building of many more tall buildings. But this cannot happen, because Borough Council anticipated this problem and set up regulations that will prevent it.

One myth is that the development will cause an increase in Borough taxes. This is not true. The development has been carefully designed not to increase Borough taxes. It will be self-supporting and will replace the approximately $450,000 that the Borough obtained annually from its Park and Shop lot. Ironically, it is the opponents' proposal that would cause an increase in Borough taxes, because it would create a revenue shortfall of $250,000 to $425,000 per year.

Another myth is that the state redevelopment law that the Borough is using requires that the Park and Shop lot was "blighted." In fact, the word "blight" was removed from the law in the early 1990's, so whether the Park and Shop lot was or was not blighted is irrelevant.

Some fear that new restaurants and stores will hurt Princeton businesses. But in attractive towns like Princeton, the addition of restaurants and stores tends to draw more customers for everyone. On the other hand, if the opponents' lawsuit delays the construction of the garage, Princeton restaurants and stores will probably be hurt by continued lack of parking.

Others fear that people don't like garages, so they will take their business elsewhere. But most people don't mind well-designed, well-lit garages (which Princeton's will be), and most people are quite used to parking in garages.

Some opponents argue that the parking garage isn't big enough to meet all of Princeton's downtown parking needs. This is actually true. Only a huge, extremely expensive garage would meet all of Princeton's downtown parking needs. However, the development's garage will add 231 spaces — more than enough spaces to be shared by library users, apartment dwellers, and those visiting both the new and the older stores and restaurants in the area. Ironically, the opponents advocate building fewer parking spaces.

I commend Mayor Reed, Borough Council, and Princeton Future for their thorough, thoughtful, creative, and patient work on the development plan. In a few years, when the myths and fears are behind us, we will all enjoy the fruits of their very hard labor.

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Difficulty Faced by Injured Doe Reveals Another Aspect of Deer Situation to Resident

To the Editor:

From the tracks in the snow this morning, I can tell that the doe with the broken leg is still around.

I haven't actually seen her for several weeks. Even then she was a pathetic sight - she kept trying to put weight on the leg, and would stagger around trying to regain her balance — and she was very thin.

I imagine she's even thinner now. There's little left for her to eat around my house. The needles on the bottom of the yews are gone, the azaleas have been well trimmed, and she's eaten quite a bit of the holly. (She pulls off the leaves and eats the tips of the branches.)

The last time I saw her she'd been in my back yard for quite some time. After witnessing her pain I finally called the animal control officer to have someone come and euthanize her, but no one was available at the time, and I didn't see her the next day.

In the ten years I've lived in my home seven deer have been hit on the road in front of my house. Three of them weren't killed and, trust me, you don't ever want to hear the pathetic cries of a dying deer. In these instances the police did come and put them out of their misery.

I wonder how much longer she'll live, and how much she'll suffer before she dies. Her injury most probably comes from being hit by a car, and perhaps she'll try to cross the road again and be fatally hit. While this would be merciful in her case, it's rather a traumatic event for the driver and usually damaging to the vehicle.

I will never understand why the so-called friends of deer are so fanatically opposed to culling the local population. There simply isn't enough room or food for all of them. They starve. They're injured or killed by cars. Is this a kindness?

I'm sure these people mean well, but the world would truly be a better place if they turned their compassion and energy to issues of battered women, homeless children, or any of the other truly desperate problems of our society.

CAROL STOKES
Lawrenceville Road

Better Balance of People, Undergrowth, and Deer Will Result From Allowing Deer Cull to Continue

This is a copy of a letter to the D.E.P. Commissioner Bradley Campbell and the Fish and Game Council.

I am writing to you as a member of the silent majority (up until now).

Your Commission has succumbed to the well organized, vociferous, well financed, "don't kill Bambi" minority group.

In doing so, you have decided that more deer-automobile collisions, more Lyme disease, more starving deer, and less vegetation is in the best interests of the majority of Township residents. I think the Commission's decision is a mistake and one that I hope you will reconsider.

My next door neighbor almost died from Lyme disease, many of my family members have suffered from Lyme disease. I have had to put six strands of barb wire around my back yard in order to have any flowers, tomatoes, bushes or undergrowth. Meanwhile my front yard and side yards are mostly devoid of the proper undergrowth for all wildlife. When you can count the ribs on a deer at 50 feet, you know there is too little growth for too many deer.

If the deer hunters are concerned about not enough deer to shoot, why don't they show up to hunt? For years I have begged hunters to shoot on my property and they seldom or never show up.

If the majority of Princeton Township residents were opposed to the deer culling, the Princeton Township Committee would have been voted out of office instead of re-elected, year after year.

Please, reconsider your decision and allow the deer cull to continue so that there can be a better balance of people, undergrowth and deer for the future.

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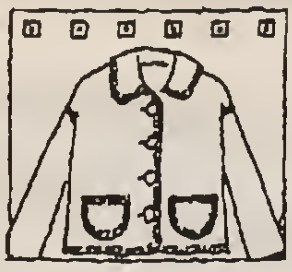
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Budget Shortfall

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Other costs, totaling $3 million, include $1 million in special education, $500,000 in medical insurance, $250,000 in tuition due to increased enrollment at the Princeton Charter School, $65,000 in increased energy bills, and $125,000 for an additional autism program at John Witherspoon Middle School because of students moving up from Riverside Elementary School.

In addition, enrollment at Princeton High School is expected to increase by approximately 100 students, bringing the total to nearly 1,300 students. "We've had a number of requests for additional personnel, especially at the high school," said Dr. Kohn. "Some classes are large, unacceptably large."

Complicating the matter is the fact that, as announced by Gov. James McGreevey on Tuesday, state aid will be frozen for the second consecutive year. The district also stands to lose as much as $250,000 in categorical aid.

The Bottom Line

Those figures leave the district with a shortfall of $2.2 million, assuming that it receives the SGLAs. While $1.8 million in cuts have already been proposed, an additional $400,000 will be taken out of the surplus fund to make up the difference.

"We will be making adjustments in all areas of the budget," said Dr. Kohn. "We're considering everything at this point. We're going to have to make some tough decisions and hope that the results will not be too painful."

Among the proposed cuts are the elimination of approximately 10 personnel positions and a reduction in temporary facilities at PHS by adding fewer classroom trailers, 12 of which are already in place to provide instruction space during the district's multi-year, $81.3 million construction and renovation project.

Additionally, the district is not expected to approve an expanded athletic and intramural program at John Witherspoon Middle School as proposed by the Friends of Princeton Athletics in December.

"The priority is to preserve as much as we can in the classroom," said Dr. Kohn. "We never want to hurt the kids by taking teachers away."

An official budget hearing is scheduled for the School Board's March 25 meeting. The budget will then be voted on as part of the April 15 ballot.

Dr. Kohn added that asking voters to approve funding under a second question on the April 15 ballot would be a last resort. "It's a tight economy," she stated. "We have these limits put on us, and we recognize that our taxpayers are under constraints as well."

IDEAS Center

Another program that will likely be lost due to the budget crunch is the high school's IDEAS (Individualized Development, Education, and Support) Center.

Through the 21st Century Grant, the district provides $300,000 in instruction through various tutorial programs at all six of its schools.

While the district qualified for the three-year grant under previous national guidelines, it is not eligible under the new criteria of the program, which is now run through the state. Although the district has been allowed to apply for the grant because it is a current recipient, officials believe that the likelihood of retaining the grant once again is remote.

Thus, should the district wish to continue the program, it must provide the $300,000 in funding. According to Dr. Kohn, however, the district is attempting to locate outside funding for the instruction program.

Several teachers as well as members of the School Board and the public expressed their support for the IDEAS Center and the variety of roles it plays within the school system.

"The IDEAS Center is one of the few truly integrated places in the school community in terms of race, ability, and interest," said School Board member Jeffrey Spear.

"It levels the playing field, but it is not limited to one segment of the student population," said School Board member Walter Bliss. "I've found that the better the school district, the more tutoring is going on."

Myra Williams, a School Board member who volunteers at the IDEAS Center, said, "You know that you are having an impact when you work with these students."

"The IDEAS Center is vital to the education of all students within the school district," said Ron Plummer, the chair of the district's Minority Education Committee. "The evidence says that this program is working for the kids that are most underrepresented in the community."

"This program applies to a wide range of kids and their needs," said Ed Turner. "To the minority students, it addresses an achievement gap. To the athletes, it offers support to the athletic program. To the middle school students, it teaches them study skills. This is one of the most unique things in the district. It would be shortsighted to let it go."

"I understand the financial difficulties, but I think that the IDEAS Center is very helpful," said Tim Callahan, one of the School Board's student representatives. "It provides help for the whole spectrum of student needs, whether it's in your times tables or AP calculus."

Should the School Board decide to fund the IDEAS Center, however, it would be faced with the task of finding an additional $300,000 within the budget.

"The fact that we are looking to raise money for the IDEAS Center should be applauded," said Dr. Kohn. "There will be other things that we'll cut that we won't look to raise money for."

"I don't think that there's one person on the School Board who doesn't think that the IDEAS Center is wonderful," said School Board member Anne Burns. "But they won't be the only ones coming here looking for funding."

—David McNutt

Reading Over Coffee Set at Public Library

Recent short fiction and 19th century poetry will be on the menu at Princeton Public Library's Readings Over Coffee on Wednesday, February 12 at 10:30 a.m.

Dick Swain and Derry Light will read from Christina Rossetti's "Goblin Market" and A.S. Byatt's "The Thing in the Forest."

The event, titled "The Things in the Forest: Creepy and Creepier," is the final winter offering of Readings Over Coffee, a monthly series featuring performances of literature, drama and music.

"This is a series the library has been presenting for well over 30 years," said Susan Roth, program and readers services librarian, who coordinates programming at the library. "We have people who are involved in theater and literature in the area, and they come in and read and perform various forms of literature. They do dramatic, sometimes musical readings."

Mr. Swain, who has been active in Princeton music and theater circles for many years, is a veteran of the series. An associate professor of art history at Rider University, he moonlights as an accompanist for the Princeton Ballet School and founded his own acting troupe, The Poquelin Players.

Ms. Light, a well-known local actress and singer, will read "Goblin Market." She starred in a Princeton Repertory Theater Company musical production of the poem a decade ago at Theatre Intime on the Princeton University campus.

"Goblin Market," an example of Pre-Raphaelitism in poetry, is considered a masterpiece of one of the most famous British poet of a Victorian era, Christina Rossetti. It has a classic theme of a woman being tempted.

Ms. Rossetti's works are filled with religious images, loneliness, and frustrated love. Her works range from fantasy, ballads, and love lyrics to sonnets and religious poetry. "Uphill" and "A Birthday" are among her most famous works, and were published in 1861. "Goblin Market and Other Poems" was published the following year.

The second work to be read is "The Thing in the Forest," a short story by A.S. Byatt that appeared in the June 3, 2002, issue of The New Yorker. It tells a story of two little girls sent to a children's shelter during World War II, who go into the forest and encounter a hideous creature. Later they learn that creature is known through local legend.

"I chose to read 'The Thing in the Forest,' not only because I find it deliciously creepy, but also because it was written by the author of my favorite novel, Possession" said Mr. Swain.

Ms. Byatt, who won the 1990 Booker Prize for *Possession: A Romance*, is the author of the novels *The Virgin in the Garden*, *Still Life*, *Babel Tower*, and *A Whistling Woman*. She also published several collections of short fiction, such as *Sugar and Other Stories*, *The Matisse Stories*, and *The Djinn in the Nightingale's Eye*.

The program is free and open to the public. No reservations are necessary. Readings Over Coffee is one of the many library programs made possible through funds donated by the Friends of the Princeton Public Library. All library programs are detailed in "@ your library," the newsletter and program guide available throughout the library.

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VERY GEHRY: Princeton University presented a concept plan for a Frank Gehry-designed science library to the Princeton Regional Planning Board on January 23. The 85,000-square-foot building, planned for the southeast corner of Washington Road and Ivy Lane, would be sheathed in metal and glass.

Planning Board Reacts Positively To Plans For Frank Gehry Building at University

With a world-class university, a storied history, and a bucolic setting, Princeton is a town of many tourist attractions. Princeton University could add yet another attraction to the list, with the addition of a Frank Gehry-designed science library along Washington Road.

On January 23, the University presented the Planning Board with its concept plan for a science library designed by architect Frank Gehry, whose unique architectural style won him the Pritzker Prize, architecture's highest award, in 1989. The University will return to the Planning Board for a formal review at a later date.

"There are very few places in the U.S. where you can see the history of architecture, but Princeton is one," architect Craig Webb told the Planning Board. A Princeton alumnus who is a partner in Frank Gehry's Santa Monica architectural firm, Mr. Webb began his presentation to the Planning Board by listing some of the many architectural styles represented in campus buildings – Georgian, Greek Revival, Florentine, Romanesque, Modern, and Post-Modern.

"Our new science library," he said, "will be 'Frank Gehry.'"

Bilbao, Spain and Seattle, Wash., both bear the distinctive mark of buildings designed by Mr. Gehry. He is known for his bold, "sculptural" style, and the University science library, slated for the southeast corner of Washington Road and Ivy Lane, would be no exception.

With an exterior design of curving sheet metal and walls of glass, the building drew enthusiastic support from Planning Board members, though it did raise one repeated worry: what to do about all the sightseers.

Board chair Vicky Bergman joked that the street would need rubber bumpers for gawking drivers, and Mayor Marvin Reed added, "We'll have a sign that says 'Slow down - attractive nuisance.'"

Building Design

The planned library building would comprise a 100-foot high central tower surrounded by irregular two- to three-story wings. Brick would be used near the building's base, but the dominant exterior features would be glass and curved metal panels sheathing the building.

The library, separated by security checkpoints from the rest of the building, would be contained within the tower. A wing facing toward Washington Road would contain the library's extensive map collection. Classrooms, two tiered lecture halls, and computer facilities would be located in the rest of the building.

Library stacks would be located in the basement, with periodicals, computers, and study areas on the library's upper floors. An underground passageway would allow access to Fine Hall and connect the science library with the physics and math libraries in the basement of Fine Hall.

Built on a steep slope, the north face of the building would be at the level of Ivy Lane, one story higher than that of the south face and Fine Hall. The main corridor through the building would follow a diagonal trajectory from an entrance near the Washington Road and Ivy Lane intersection, down stairs, through an atrium, and to a door facing toward the Princeton Stadium.

Around the building, the University would develop two three-sided courtyard areas, plant additional trees, and add new pedestrian walkways. The University is also considering the construction of a pathway connecting Prospect Avenue to Ivy Lane behind Terrace Club and the Center for Jewish Life.

Mr. Webb described the building's design as a mediation between the scales and styles of surrounding buildings. The library's tower would be approximately two-thirds the height of the Fine Hall tower, and the lower wings would relate to the scale of the Center for Jewish Life and the eating clubs across Ivy Lane.

"We want to fit into the neighborhood," said Mr. Webb. "It's our idea of how we relate."

University Plans

"It will combine an aesthetically-distinguished building with a building that has very important functionality for us," said University Provost Amy Gutmann.

Ms. Gutmann told the Planning Board that the library portion of the building would unite the existing collections of the chemistry, molecular biology, geology, and ecology and evolutionary biology departments.

"That integration is something we've long hoped for," she said. She noted that consolidating collections from the smaller libraries would allow the University to save space and staff.

On the southeast corner of Washington Road and Ivy Lane, the science library would be adjacent to the physics and math buildings and across the street from a series of buildings housing ecology and evolutionary biology, molecular biology, genomics, and geology.

Jon Hlafter, director of physical planning for the University, said the choice of location for the science library reflects a University plan to centralize sciences in that portion of the campus. The chemistry department is currently located at the corner of Washington Road and William Street. However, Mr. Hlafter said the University plans to eventually replace the Armory, located South along Washington Road near Jadwin Gymnasium, with a new chemistry building.

Positive Reaction

Planning Board members reacted enthusiastically to the proposed building. In addition to the usual questions about pedestrian safety, parking, environmental efficiency, and trash management, the design raised some more unusual questions, such as whether sunlight would reflect into the eyes of passing drivers.

Mr. Webb said the particular finish for the sheet metal or titanium plates would be chosen carefully to minimize glare, while picking up the colors of the sky, trees, and other nearby structures. The play of light off the abraded metal creates "implied movement," said Mr. Webb, adding to the "sculptural" nature of the building.

"I anticipate that this building is going to be such an attraction in Princeton, that we have to be prepared for people to come and gape," said Borough Mayor Marvin Reed. "Therefore, let's not minimize the parking."

Mayor Reed said he would work with the University to find a way to offer public parking for sightseers in the area of the planned building.

Mr. Hlafter also said the University was investigating the possibility of adding an additional campus shuttle on the east side of Washington Road.

William Wolfe, who is chairman of the Site Plan Review Advisory Board but was not representing the board at the meeting, said during the public hearing portion of the meeting, "It's clear to me that this is not a functional building. It's a very expensive building, it's very sculptural, and it will be a very exciting building.

"All of this is a very grand statement," he added. "I hope this will be open to the public."

University Head Librarian Karin Trainer said that while library access would be governed by the same rules that control access to all the University's libraries, the public would be welcome to walk through the building or sit in the cafe planned for its atrium.

Princeton University hopes to begin construction in early 2004 and complete the library by 2006.

—Rebecca Blackwell

Medical Center Awarded Contract for Laboratory

The Medical Center at Princeton has been awarded a contract to operate the Office of Occupational Medicine at Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory (PPPL).

Princeton University operates PPPL under contract to the United States Department of Energy. The Medical Center's contract with PPPL will run for two years, effective January 25.

PPPL is the largest center for the scientific research and development of magnetic fusion energy and plasma services in the United States. It employs approximately 450 people at the facility, which is located on Princeton University's James Forrestal Campus.

PPPL maintains a comprehensive Occupational Medicine Office (OMO) and a worker protection program that is designed to protect and promote the health of individual workers and the workforce as a whole. Under the new contract, the Medical Center's department of Corporate Health Services (CHS) will be responsible for staffing and administering the day-to-day operations of the OMO.

According to Jay Johnson, director of CHS at the Medical Center, its services at PPPL will include conducting pre-placement, fire fighter, and wellness physicals, administering the Random Drug Screening Program, and on-site treatment of less complicated occupational injuries or illnesses.

The hospital's CHS department offers occupational health programs to employers in the Princeton area. These include drug screenings, pre-employment and executive physical examinations, respirator clearance and commercial drivers license examinations, immunizations, back-to-work evaluations, treatment of workplace injuries, disability evaluations, and psychiatric evaluations.

CHS also provides health education services including health fairs, educational seminars, smoking cessation programs, stress management, cardiac risk factor assessment, work-site evaluations, and prevention of work-related injuries.

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POTTER PROFESSOR: Olivia Prevost, dressed as Professor Dumbledore, reads out trivia questions based on the Harry Potter series of books at the Princeton Public Library on Friday Evening. Ms. Prevost and other members of the library's Teen Advisory Board designed and led the Harry Potter trivia game, which drew more than 50 young participants. (Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)

WITCHES' CONSULTATION: Members of the Gryffindor team discuss the answer to a Harry Potter-based trivia question in Friday evening's trivia game at Princeton Public Library. Shown, from left, are Rebecca Saltzman, Alex Worth, Steven Braun, Victor Honore, and Niall Lessard, acting as prefect for the team. (Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)

Task Force

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Department, and even private organizations."

"I'm really pleased that we will have a committee that will be evaluating the future needs of the community," said Princeton Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand.

"We have to determine what is available and what may not be open to the community," she added. "Many places have been very generous in letting us use their space, but their own needs may sometimes take precedence."

Representatives of the local educational institutions also expressed their support of the facilities task force.

"I think it's a wonderful idea to do this assessment," said Pam Hersh, director of community and state affairs at Princeton University. "The town has some extraordinary facilities. All it lacks is a good process of coordination."

Ms. Hersh indicated a desire to provide staff assistance in the form of student work study help. "We have always been known to be as cooperative as we can be within the constraints of our own academic program," she added. "We wholeheartedly endorse it."

"We will look at what facilities we have and catalog the space that might be available for community use," said Claire Sheff Kohn, the superintendent of the school district. "We're going to identify what spaces are out there in terms of both buildings and fields."

Walter Bliss, a member of the School Board and its institutional liaison, said, "This is an effort to combine the energy and resources of the major institutions in town in order to maximize the community's access to and use of the facilities available."

"We will certainly be open to continuing our effort to be a good neighbor to the extent that we can without disrupting our student usage," said John Gilmore, vice president for business affairs at Princeton Theological Seminary.

Mayor Reed indicated that the task force is likely to be established in the context of the community facilities element in the master plan.

It will likely include at least 10 representatives: two from the Borough, two from the Township, two from the School Board, two from the University, one from the Planning Board, and one from the Recreation Department.

In its assessment of community-wide facilities, the task force will consult with other local organizations, including the Princeton Public Library, the Princeton Senior Resource Center, the Arts Council of Princeton, local congregations, the YMCA, and the YWCA.

In December, library officials broke ground for the construction of the new $18 million, 55,000 square-foot, three-story downtown library building. The project is expected to be completed in early 2004.

Meanwhile, the school district has begun its multi-year, $81.3 million construction and renovation project that will bring new facilities to each of the district's six schools.

Valley Road Building

Additionally, the task force will examine the possibilities for the use of the Valley Road Building.

When the Township moved into its new $11.8 million, 55,000 square-foot municipal complex, located across the street from the Valley Road Building at 400 Witherspoon Street, questions arose concerning the ownership of the Valley Road Building.

But in November, Township Committee unanimously approved an ordinance that transferred its ownership interest in the Valley Road Building to the school district.

Township Committee thereby effectively terminated the Township's lease of the Valley Road Building and ended speculation regarding the ownership of the building. While the ordinance settled the question of ownership, the ultimate use of the site has not been determined.

"Having cleared up the question of the title, they are still stuck with the question of what to eventually do with that building," said Mayor Reed at last Tuesday's Borough Council meeting.

The Valley Road Building is currently occupied by the school district, Corner House — a non-profit counseling agency for adolescents, young adults, and their families — the Township's Affordable Housing Office, and Princeton Young Achievers.

The School Board has expressed a significant need for the additional space during the district's construction project. Dr. Kohn has indicated that the Valley Road Building could be used for storage space, athletic programs, additions to the district's staff, and the district's Multicultural Day Care Center.

Exactly what the space will be used for beyond the district's construction project is one of the many issues that the facilities task force will examine.

—David McNutt

TEAM SPIRIT: Members of the Hufflepuff team, which finished third out of four teams, cheer as they learn that their team has correctly answered the final question at Princeton Public Library's Harry Potter trivia game. (Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)

Professor Will Discuss The Shari'ah Debate

The Shari'ah Debate in Nigeria: Theocracy and Transcendent Secularism — Friends or Foes?" is the title of a talk to be presented at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, in Bowl 16, Robertson Hall.

Lamin Sanneh, the James Professor of Missions and World Christianity and professor of history at Yale Divinity School, will speak on the introduction of shari'ah (Islamic law) in some states of Nigeria and its effect on Nigerians who are non-Muslims.

Prof. Sanneh is an internationally recognized authority on Muslim-Christian relations. He has been actively involved in Yale's Council on African Studies and is the author of several books, including *Piety and Power: Muslims and Christians in West Africa* (1996).

The lecture is sponsored by the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and the Center for the Study of Religion.

Princeton University Adds Campus Shuttle

To help alleviate traffic and parking problems on the Princeton University campus and in surrounding neighborhoods, the University recently added a new campus shuttle linking graduate housing to the main campus.

Dubbed "P-Rides," the free shuttle began operation on Monday. It will runs every 30 minutes between 8:15 a.m. and 7:45 p.m., Monday through Friday.

It will stop at the Graduate College, Lawrence Apartments, Hibben-Magie Apartments, Jadwin Physics, the Engineering Quadrangle, the parking lot on William Street, the parking lot on FitzRandolph Road near Jadwin Gym, and Butler Apartments.

Route maps and schedules are available on the website of Greater Mercer Transportation Management Association, which manages the shuttle in conjunction with A-1 Limousine. Riders will soon be able to check the exact location of the shuttle online, using state-of-the-art Global Positioning System technology developed by Professor Alain Kornhauser and University undergraduate students.

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HERE WE GO A WASSAILING: Participants in Terhune Orchard's Apple Wassailing festival on Sunday sing to the apple trees as a prayer for a good harvest in the coming year. Wassailers sang, chanted, roasted marshmallows, and drank cider produced from last year's apple crop. (Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)

HARVEST HOPE: Laura Clark of Lakewood attaches a piece of cider-soaked bread to an apple tree at Terhune Orchards on Sunday. Bread dipped in cider produced from last year's apple harvest was stuck to apple trees as a blessing for next season's crop. (Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)

Georgia Nugent

Dean Georgia Nugent Named Kenyon President

Princeton University Dean Georgia Nugent has been named the 18th president of Kenyon College, the Ohio-based institution announced Monday.

Dean Nugent, a member of Princeton's first coeducational class and a former associate provost, faculty member and assistant to the president, has served as the first dean of the Harold McGraw Jr. Center for Teaching and Learning since 2001. Her Kenyon appointment is effective July 2003.

"This appointment is a great honor for Georgia Nugent and, through her, for the McGraw Center for Teaching and Learning, where she has provided such excellent leadership as dean," said Nancy Malkiel, dean of the college at Princeton.

The recipient of several teaching awards, Dr. Nugent has been an innovator in formulating and promoting high-quality teaching methods in the areas of online learning, alumni education, community auditing programs and secondary education.

"As a student, an alumna, a faculty member and an administrator, Georgia has had a unique opportunity to contribute to, shape and understand Princeton for the past three decades," said President Shirley M. Tilghman. "Now she will bring her leadership skills to one of the country's leading liberal arts colleges. I look forward to working with her in her new capacity and wish her many years of success at Kenyon."

A member of the Princeton class of 1973, she earned her Ph.D. in classics from Cornell University in 1978 and returned to Princeton a year later as an assistant professor. From 1985 to 1992 she was appointed to the faculty of Brown University, where she won that institution's highest teaching award and was awarded tenure. In 1992 she again returned to Princeton as assistant to the president and a lecturer in classics. She was named associate provost in 1995.

Nugent has written more than four dozen articles and papers and two books. Her first book is on allegory and poetics, and she has a forthcoming volume from Oxford University Press titled *The Representation of Women in Roman Epic.*

Alumnus Gift Provides Rider With Opportunity

Rider University's department of computer information systems has received a gift-in-kind of NetKnowledge Tools software from Insight Development Corporation of San Ramon, CA.

William Amadio, department chair, said Brent Gulick, CEO of Insight and a 1968 Rider graduate with a degree in business administration, made the $25,000 gift possible.

Insight will provide their NetKnowledge Tools application to students and faculty working in the area of knowledge management. NetKnowledge Tools uses a patent-pending, open-standard file format that allows multiple file types to be contained in one compressed, secure file.

The Insight file format allows hyperlinks to remain navigable and enables rendering of individual elements without the need for decompression.

"NetKnowledge Tools are important for anyone who needs to capture and integrate information from multiple sources and share that information with partners throughout the organization or around the globe," Dr. Amadio said. "The relationship with Insight puts our students inside a major software development project. They will witness complex decisions and event as they occur. It's an extraordinary educational opportunity."

Former U.N. Official To Speak on Campus

Mary Robinson, former United Nations high commissioner for human rights and former president of Ireland, will speak at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, February 6, in Dodds Auditorium, Robertson Hall. She will present a lecture titled "From Rhetoric to Reality: Human Rights and Globalization."

Mary Robinson served as head of the U.N. human rights program from 1997 to 2002. She gave priority to implementing the reform proposal of Secretary-General Kofi Annan to integrate human rights concerns in all activities of the United Nations.

She came to the United Nations after a seven-year tenure as president of Ireland. She was the first head of the state to visit Rwanda in the aftermath of the 1994 genocide there. She also was the first head of the state to visit Somalia following the crisis in 1992, receiving the CARE Humanitarian Award in recognition of her efforts for that country.

Before being elected president in 1990, she served as senator for 20 years. She also was a member of the International Commission of Jurists (1987-90) and of the Advisory Commission of Inter-Rights (1984-90).

The lecture is sponsored by the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs.

FEELING MALLOW: Eight-year-old Rowan Upton of Hopewell roasts a marshmallow at Terhune Orchard's Apple Wassailing event on Sunday.

(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)

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DISTINGUISHING MARKS: The six students from The Hun School of Princeton who were recently named Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars by the Garden State Scholarship Program for their academic accomplishments as demonstrated in their GPA and SAT scores include, from left, Barrington Lloyd, of Princeton Junction; Elspeth Springsted, of Princeton; Joseph Mermelstein, of East Brunswick; Alisa Gross, of Princeton Junction; Nadja Oertelt, of Princeton; and Lauren Kaufman, of Princeton.

Physicians Protest

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"It's up to each individual doctor," he said. "I know that a large number of physicians around the state, in Mercer County, and here in Princeton are participating in this protest.

"This was kind of the proverbial snowball rolling downhill," he added. "Once the opportunity arose to express one voice and create pressure to bring it to bear on the legislature, it was on everybody's mind."

Preparations Made

Meanwhile, local medical facilities prepared for the doctors' job action by arranging for additional personnel and sending letters to patients to inform them of the planned work slow-down.

"The Medical Center respects the physicians' right to voice their view on this issue," said Carol Norris, director of public relations at the hospital. "We have taken the necessary steps to ensure that patients will receive the care that they need."

In preparation for the work slow-down, hospital officials increased the Medical Center's Emergency Department staff, brought in additional volunteers, and rearranged some of its emergency facilities.

Typically, the Emergency Department holds 16 beds for acute care patients and an additional five beds for fast track patients with less serious needs.

Anticipating an increase in patient volume, the Medical Center relocated its fast track facilities upstairs to the post anesthesia care unit, commonly known as the recovery room. By creating 10 beds of space in that location, the staff was left with 21 beds downstairs in the Emergency Department.

"Things are moving smoothly," said Ms. Norris on Monday. "People are getting the care that they need."

Dr. Chris Belardi, chairman of Emergency Medicine at the Medical Center, indicated on Monday that he was unable to determine whether the increase in patient volume was a direct result of the job action. "It's been a really busy day," he said. "But it really shouldn't be worse than Labor Day, when no offices are open."

"The patients have been good; they've been very understanding," said Sandra Dutcher, nurse manager in the Emergency Department. "We weren't quite sure what to expect, we were just ready in case."

At the Princeton Medical Group, doctors were on call for emergencies only. "We didn't want anyone with urgent needs to be without care," said Ms. Hagadorn.

Legislative Recourse

By taking part in this week's work slow-down, physicians in Princeton and throughout the state have joined doctors in West Virginia, Florida, and Mississippi who have recently engaged in job actions to protest the rapid increase in malpractice insurance premiums and to call for legislative action.

According to Dr. Denny, the continually increasing costs make insurance cost-prohibitive for physicians, particularly those in specialty areas. In addition, the rates are created regardless of an individual doctor's patient history.

"If a doctor is named in a suit, even if it never goes anywhere or it's dropped," said Dr. Denny, "it costs the insurance company substantial money just to start the process."

Along with the Medical Society of New Jersey, Dr. Denny wants to see the pain and suffering portions of malpractice judgments capped at $250,000. He believes that such a legislative move would immediately result in a 20 to 30 percent reduction in insurance premiums.

"This isn't a response to being sued," he said. "This is a response just to being a physician."

"The doctors here are supporting the job action because of what has been happening in other states and our own practice," said Ms. Hagadorn, who stated that premiums have increased as much as 300 percent in a short time.

According to Ms. Hagadorn, a high percentage of patients at the Princeton Medical Group have expressed their support of the doctors by contacting the state legislature.

Patient's Perspective

One of the individuals affected by Monday's work slow-down was Barbara Blackwell, of Pennington, who was born in Princeton and who has worked at N.T. Callaway in Princeton for 17 years.

On Monday morning, Ms. Blackwell was not feeling well, so she attempted to contact her physician.

"I called my regular doctor's office this morning, but they wouldn't see me," she said. "They told me that if it was an emergency, then I had to go to the Emergency Room.

"I didn't know what level of emergency it was," added Ms. Blackwell, "but it was bad enough to make me come to the Emergency Room when I hate going to the doctor."

Upon arriving at the Medical Center, Ms. Blackwell had to wait in the Emergency Room for approximately 2½ hours, but she found the staff to be prepared and helpful.

"The Emergency Room people have been great," she said. "Everybody has been kind and respectful." Diagnosed with an aggravated case of influenza, she was kept overnight at the Medical Center.

Although she eventually received the care she needed, Ms. Blackwell believes that patients should not be forced to bear the effects of the physicians' protest.

"It isn't the patients' fault that the insurance rates are increasing," she said. "This seems a glaringly wrong way to do it.

"I'm really happy with the Medical Center as opposed to my doctor's office, which shut the door in my face," said Ms. Blackwell. "The one time I have to see someone, nobody's there. I think I'll get the flu shot next year."

—David McNutt

Eden Family of Services Seeks Autism Awareness

The Princeton-based Eden Family of Services and Lawrenceville-based Allegra Print & Imaging have announced their joint partnership in a program called "Allegra Cares." Its purpose is to increase awareness of autism and to contribute to the mission of the Eden Family of Services.

Eden is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing lifespan services to children and adults with autism, and their families.

During the months of February, March and April, which is National Autism Awareness Month, Allegra will donate 10 percent of its sales from new customers to Eden.

The program will be formally inaugurated on Wednesday, February 19, from 3 to 6 p.m., at Allegra's office at 2850 U.S. Highway 1 in Lawrenceville. Representatives from Allegra and Eden will answer questions about their facilities and the "Allegra Cares" program. Refreshments will be served.

Since 1975, the Eden Family of Services has provided lifespan services for children and adults with autism as well as support and assistance for their families. Its programs include year-round educational services, parent training, respite care, outreach services, community-based residential services, and employment opportunities.

Allegra Print & Imaging is a provider of sales, marketing and related printed business communication materials.

MCCC Sets Open House For Summer Programs

It may be cold outside, but plans for summer are already well underway at Mercer County Community College (MCCC). On Sunday, February 9, Mercer will host a "Summer Camps Open House" to introduce families to its many exciting summer programs for children ages 7 to 17.

The event will take place from noon to 3:00 p.m. at the Student Center on at MCCC's West Windsor campus, located at 1200 Old Trenton Road. A snow date has been scheduled for Sunday, February 16.

The Open House will be the first day for camp registration, so families registering at the event will get their first choice of MCCC's numerous, enriching activities.

Camp representatives will be on hand to describe the variety of program options, trips, and new activities planned for youngsters during MCCC's 2003 summer season, and tours of the facilities will be available.

The regular camp season runs from June 23 through August 15. A pre-camp week opens the season from June 16 to 20. Extended camp hours are available for working parents.

Among the options for campers is the popular Camp College for children ages 7 – 12, offered in two, four-week sessions. Participants in this innovative program develop a personalized schedule from more than 60 stimulating choices.

In MCCC's Sports Camps, campers may choose from seven popular sports for week-long sessions taught by high school coaches and college athletes. Tomato Patch is MCCC's visual and performing arts program for youngsters entering grades 5 through 12, which includes a performance and exhibit at the end of both four-week sessions.

MCCC also offers one-week Specialty Camps in full and half-day sessions. For a brochure regarding the summer camps, call (609) 586-9446.

In addition, the camps is seek counselors — students ages 17 and older — and area teachers who are interested in summer employment. For more information about how you can put your creativity to work for local youth at MCCC this summer, visit the Open House on February 9, call (609) 586-4800, ext. 3291, or e-mail camp college@mccc.edu.

Ten Births Reported At Princeton Hospital

The Medical Center at Princeton has reported ten births to area residents in the week ending January 31.

Sons were born to Baishi and Lian Wang, Princeton, January 27; Moses and Rita Biney, Princeton, January 28; Oscar Bravo and Antonio Sosa, Lawrenceville, January 28; Human and Shawna Hashemi, Princeton Junction, January 28; and Vijay and Radha Gullapalli, Lawrenceville, January 30.

Daughters were born to Robert Dempsey and Kathleen Pagnutti, Princeton, January 23; John Mulcahy and Ana Lomba, West Windsor, January 24; Sonny Baines and Harprett Kaur, Princeton, January 28; Markus and Smila Brunnermeier, Princeton, January 29; and Scott and Crissy Koons, Princeton, January 31.

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CHESSforum

This week's featured game was played at the Chigorin Memorial Tournament a few years ago. Mikhail Chigorin (1850-1908) is probably the most under-recognized player in chess history. The founder of the Russian school of chess, he was the challenger for the world championship in 1889 and 1892 but never won.

Solution at bottom
White to mate in two.

Chigorin's Defense (1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nc6) has achieved respectable results in top play around the world. Black tends to achieve quick development and piece pressure. These advantages force white to play very carefully, and if not prepared, often passively-leading to a slight edge for black.

The opening we see in this game between Kachar and Kochyev is the King's Indian Defense. One of the hypermodern openings — players develop on the flanks first and then challenge the opponent's central control — the KID is employed by many grandmasters today, including GM Gary Kasparov.

The kind of attack that black gets in this game is typical of this opening. Notice how quickly Kochyev gets in the driver's seat and calmly builds his attack until it is time to break through Kachar's position with 27...g4!

Kochyev then uses the activity of his pieces to create the winning combination. Piece activity is a goal in chess that I cannot stress enough. You can solve tactical puzzles until your eyes glaze over, but it will do you no good unless you can create such opportunities in a game. The only way to go about doing that is to make your pieces more powerful than your opponent's.

—Chad Lieberman

Kachar, V. (2304) - Kochyev, A. (2422)
Chigorin Memorial Tournament, St. Petersburg, 2000

1.d4	Nf6
2.c4	g6
3.Nc3	Bg7
4.e4	d6
5.Nf3	0-0
6.Be2	e5
7.0-0	Na6
8.d5	Nc5
9.Qc2	a5
10.Ne1	b6
11.Bd2	Ne8
12.Nd3	f5
13.Nxc5	bxc5
14.f3	Qh4
15.Qc1	Qe7
16.Nd1	Nf6
17.Nf2	Bd7
18.b3	h5
19.Rb1	Kh7
20.Bd3	f4
21.Be2	Bh6
22.a3	g5
23.h3	Rg8
24.Qd1	Rg6
25.Be1	Kh8
26.Rb2	Qh7
27.Qb1	g4
28.fxg4	Rag8
29.Qd3	hxg4
30.Nxg4	Bg5
31.Nxf6	Bxf6
32.Bg4	Bxg4
33.hxg4	Rh6
34.Kf2	Rxg4
35.Rg1	Rg3
36.Qc2	Rhg6
37.Kf1	Rxg2
38.Rxg2	Qh1+
39.Ke2	Rxg2+
White resigns	

Solution: 1.Qg8+ Qxg8 2.Nf7#

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55 PLUS will hear a presentation by Roger V. Moseley titled "Health Problems in the High Himalayas" at its meeting on February 6 at 10 a.m.

Westerners frequently suffer from high altitude sickness when climbing the mountains of Nepal, and the Nepalese themselves suffer from nearly endemic tuberculosis and other diseases. Dr. Mosely, who has climbed the mountains, will address these health problems and show slides of the mountains and surrounding areas.

A graduate of Princeton University, Dr. Mosely earned his M.D. degree from Harvard Medical School. He retired in 1997 from his positions as senior surgeon at the Princeton Medical Group, chief of general surgery at the Medical Center at Princeton, and clinical assistant professor of surgery at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

The meeting will be at the Jewish Center of Princeton, located at 435 Nassau Street.

Sue Dupre will lead the **Princeton Recorder Society** on Tuesday, February 11, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., at the Kingston Presbyterian Church on Main Street in Kingston. Social time will begin at 7 p.m.

The program will feature English Country dances and dances from the Renaissance taught by Ms. Dupre. She will be assisted by Society members and will work with the dance band to demonstrate the impact of musical phrasing and style on the dances.

Ms. Dupre has been calling and teaching dance for more than 23 years at festivals and dance camps throughout the United States.

Newcomers are invited to attend. Prospective members may play with the group or just dance or listen.

For more information, call Sue Parisi at (908) 874-5267.

The **Princeton Macintosh Users Group** (PMUG) will meet Tuesday, February 11, at 7 p.m., at Princeton University's Jadwin Physics building, for a talk on databases by Gary Brock.

Mr. Brock has trained many software developers in application development using 4th Dimension databases. He has participated in the development of training courseware, delivered technical sales training seminars, and designed trade show presentations of 4th Dimension relational database technology. In January 2002, he rejoined 4D Inc. to conduct online training sessions and write online video tech tips.

PMUG is a club for Macintosh computer enthusiasts of all ages. Members share their interests, talents, and skills in the Macintosh environment so that others may benefit. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month.

For more information, visit www.pmug-nj.org.

The caregiver support groups of the **Greater New Jersey Chapter of Alzheimer's Association** will meet Saturday, February 15, at 2 p.m. in Suite 6 of the Woodlands Professional Building at 256 Bunn Drive. For more information call the Caregiver Heipline at 1-800-883-1180.

The **Amateur Astronomers Association of Princeton** will meet on Tuesday, February 11, at 8 p.m. in Peyton Hall at Princeton University.

The speaker will be George Dyson, son of the noted professor emeritus of the Institute for Advanced Study, Freeman Dyson. His topic is "Project Orion," which is also the title of his book.

His presentation will be followed by the club's business meeting, to which all attendees are invited.

Project Orion was a top-secret undertaking, the intent of which was the construction of an interplanetary spaceship propelled by nuclear bombs.

A resident of Bellingham, Wash., Mr. Dyson devotes his time to research and writing.

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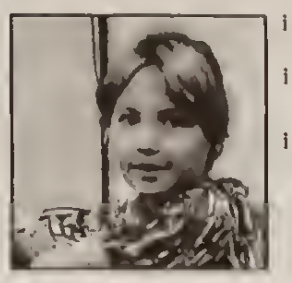

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LEADERS OF THE PACK: Demonstrating outfits in preparation for Mercer County Community College's Scholarship Dinner Dance, "The Golden Oldies," are, from left, Nina Melker of Yardville National Bank; event chair Jamil Faridy; Marsha Stoltman of the Stoltman Group; Rafael Sharon of Princeton; and Shella Beers of the New Jersey Treasury Department. Scheduled for March 8 at the Hyatt Regency, the event will benefit student scholarships at MCCC.

CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 5

Noon-12:30 p.m.: Recital, Beverly Owens, soprano, Paul Stetsenko, piano; Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church.

7:30-9 p.m.: Lecture, "CommonGround," Rick Wolff; Chapin School.

Thursday, February 6

7:30 p.m.: Regional Planning Board; Township Municipal Complex

Friday, February 7

6-8 p.m.: Kids at Work: Chinese New Year; Arts Council

7-10 p.m.: Big Band Dance; Princeton High School.

8 p.m.: *The Countess*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 and Sunday at 2:30

8 p.m.: *Ten Little Indians*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College, West Windsor. Also Saturday at 8 and Sunday at 2.

Saturday, February 8

10:30-11:30 a.m.: Valentine Workshop; Arts Council. Also from from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

11 a.m.: Talks for Children, "Faces," Annette Merle-Smith, docent; Princeton University Art Museum.

Sunday, February 9

4 p.m.: Princeton Society of Musical amateurs, *Mikado*; Princeton Unitarian Church.

Monday, February 10
Recycling Pickup

12:30-4 p.m.: Tax assistance for seniors; Princeton Senior Resource Center, Spruce Circle.

7 p.m.: Township Committee; Municipal Complex.

Tuesday, February 11

6:30 p.m.: Borough Council; Borough Hall.

8 p.m.: Shakespeare's *The Tempest*; McCarter Theatre. Also Wednesday and Thursday at 8 p.m.; Friday (opening night) at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 4 and 8:30 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Wednesday, February 12
Lincoln's Birthday

10:30 a.m.: Readings over Coffee; Public Library

7 p.m.: Reading and signing, Princeton University Prof. Lawrence Rosen, *The Culture of Islam*; Princeton University Store.

8 p.m.: Baritone Sanford Sylvan and pianist David Breitman; Wolfensohn Hall, Institute for Advanced Study. Also Friday at 8 p.m.

7:30 p.m.: Site Plan Review Advisory Board; Township Municipal Complex

Friday, February 14
Valentine's Day

7-10 p.m.: Heavenly HeARTS; Arts Council.

7-8:30 p.m.: Father-Daughter Valentine's Day Dance; Princeton YWCA.

8 p.m.: *The Countess*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: Agatha Christie's *Ten Little Indians*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College, West Windsor. Also Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Saturday, February 15

11 a.m.: Talks for Children, "George Washington at Princeton," Sally Sword, Princeton Art Museum docent; Nassau Hall.

SENIOR CITIZENS CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 5 - Wednesday, February 12

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Wednesday, February 5:
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk, Redding Circle
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too, Spruce Circle.

Thursday, February 6:
10:00 a.m. Yoga, Princeton Community Village.
1:00 p.m. Advocating for Ourselves; Spruce Circle

Monday, February 10:
11:15 a.m. Chair Exercise; Spruce Circle.
12:30 p.m. Tax Assistance, Spruce Circle.
1:30 p.m. The Wonder of Wordplay with Rice Lyons; Redding Circle.

Tuesday, February 11:
10:00 a.m. Tai Chi; Acorn Glen
11:00 a.m. Intermediate Spanish; Spruce Circle.
12:00 p.m. Beginning Spanish, Spruce Circle
12:30 a.m. Social Bridge; Borough Hall Lunch Room.
1:00 p.m. American Literature with George Ingenbrandt; Spruce Circle.
2:00 p.m. Caregiver's Support Group with Susan Hoskins; Redding Circle.

Wednesday, February 12:
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; Redding Circle.
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too, Spruce Circle

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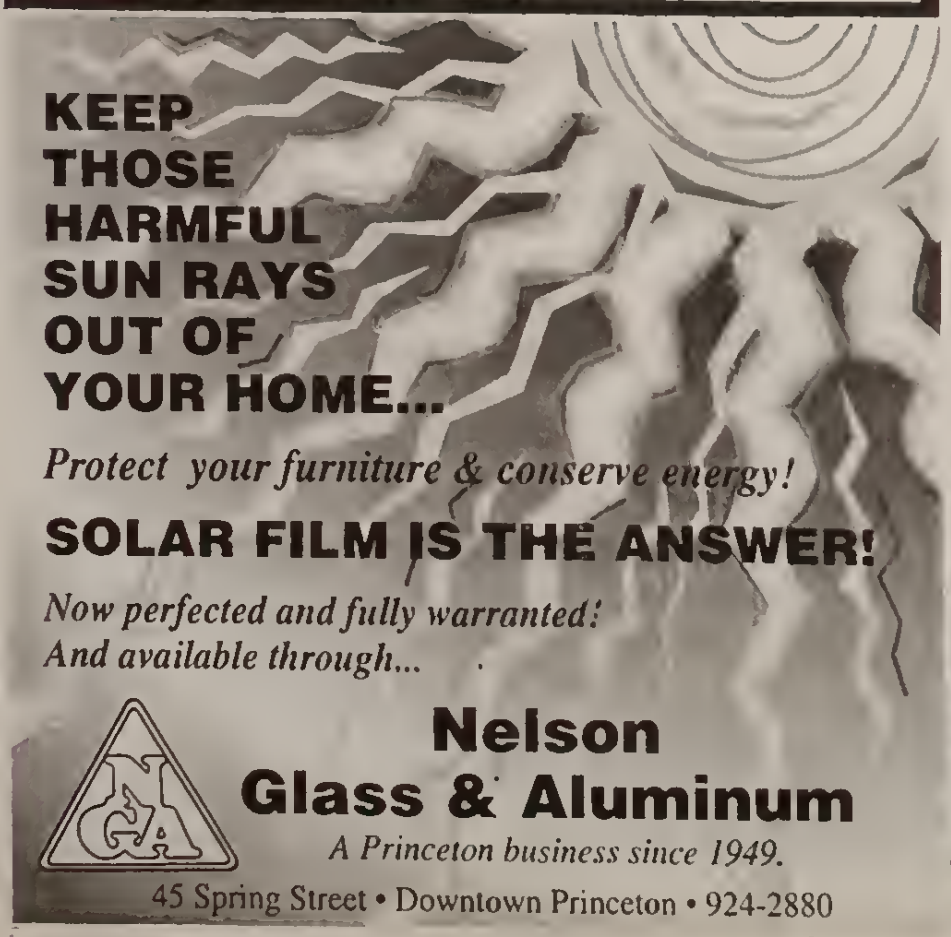

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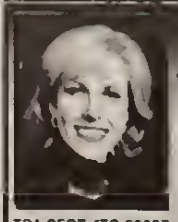

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GOLDEN EYE: Images by French photographer Vincent Fougere are on view in "African Lunatics," an exhibition that will run at the Bernstein Gallery in Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School through March 21.

WEST MEETS EAST: The Gallery at Chapin School will featuro images by Barbara Bickford in "Asia in My Mind," an exhibition that will run from Febru-ary 10 through March 7.

French Photographer Featured at Bernstein

An exhibition of black and white photography by France's Vincent Fougere, entitled "African Lunatics," will be on view through March 21 at the Bernstein Gallery, located in Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs.

The public is invited to attend the opening reception on Friday, February 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. Dr. Joao Biehl, professor of anthropology at the University, will give opening remarks and introduce the photographer.

Mr. Fougere traveled across West Africa over a period of eight years, from 1993 and 2001, photographing the region's seriously mentally ill. His haunting images depict a place on the trajectory of treatment lor mental illness.

His work was presented at the International Festival of Photojournalism in Perpignan, France, in 2001. Mr. Fougere was the youngest winner of the Golden Eye Award, the most prestigious French media award.

The Bernstein Gallery at the Woodrow Wilson School is located on the lower level of Robertson Hall on the Princeton University campus at the corner of Washington Road and Prospect Avenue. Gallery Hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (609) 258-5566 or visit www.wws.princeton.edu.

Chapin School Gallery To Show Asian Images

The Gallery at Chapin School will showcase "Asia in My Mind," an exhibit of the Asian photographs of Barbara Bickford of New Hampshire, from Monday, February 10 through Friday, March 7.

An opening reception, to which the public is invited, will be held on Wednesday, February 12 from 5 to 7 p.m.

The exhibit, which consists of photographs from China, Thailand, Myanmar, Indonesia, and Cambodia, reflects Ms. Bickford's intense fascination with these countries and their cultures.

"Every time I click the shutter of my camera is a beginning for me, a chance to make a clean start, to be an original," she said. "Taking pictures for me is an affirmation, a resounding 'yes!'"

Ms. Bickford was born and raised in Germany. As a young woman, she relocated to England to study art at the Slate School in London. She then put her photographic career on hold to raise four children.

Several years ago, she re-ignited her passion and enrolled in a two-year certificate program at the Manchester Institute of Art. Since that time, she has continued to study photography, exhibited throughout New Hampshire, and won the Grand Prize at the 1994 New Hampshire Arts and Crafts Exhibition.

"I love photography's ability to show more than we could ever see with the human eye," stated Ms. Bickford. "I want to express truth, humanity, and the nature of being In one captured moment, staged or casual. I want my images to mean a hundred dilferent things to a hundred dilferent people.

"I almost always know when a good image happen," she added. "I don't hear the shutter click. I am one with my camera and subject; I truly connect."

The Gallery at Chapin School is located at 4101 Princeton Pike. The show can be viewed during school hours by appointment by calling (609) 924-7206.

Multi-Dimensional Work Up at Triumph Brewing

Triumph Brewing Company will feature the artwork of Patricia D'Annunzio Mahoney, a contemporary artist who works primarily in multi-dimensional media, through the first week of March.

Ms. D'Annunzio has been recognized through awards earned in juried art shows throughout the region. She is alliliated with the Thyme Gallery in Philadelphia, and she has shown her work by invitation in numerous galleries in southern and central New Jersey.

"Several years ago, my artistic focus shifted to representing my own inner images and privately heard voices," said Ms. D'Annunzio. "My painting became a rich blend of design and color that began to reflect a journey of the spirit.

"I am continually exploring new ways to achieve depth in my work and I do not limit myself to one medium or style," she added. "The result has been a dance with beauty that has brought joy and healing to mysell and those who share my art."

Located at 138 Nassau Street, Triumph Brewing Company is a restaurant and brewery featuring American lood and hand-crafted, lreshly brewed beer.

Brewery tours are available on Saturdays at 1 and 3 p.m. Triumph also olfers live jazz on Wednesdays starting at 9 p.m. and a variety of music styles Thursday through Saturday, starting at 10:30 p.m. For more inlormation, call (609) 924-7855.

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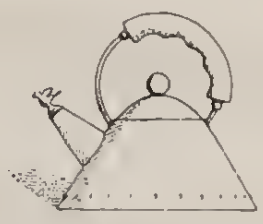

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ABSTRACT SHOW: Entitled "Calla," this 1929 photograph by Imogen Cunningham is among the images that will appear through March 23 in "Seeing the Unseen: Abstract Photography, 1900-1940," an exhibition running at the Princeton University Art Museum.

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University Museum Featuring Exhibition Of Abstract Images

"Seeing the Unseen: Abstract Photography, 1900-1940," an exhibition that will appear through March 23 at the Princeton University Art Museum, explores the rich history of visual experimentation that characterized the medium's development under the influence of the emerging modernist aesthetic of the 20th century.

"Photography was initially invented, in part, to allow the exact recording of the way the world and its objects appeared to a sharp-sighted observer," noted Anne McCauley, professor of the history of photography and modern art at the University, who organized the exhibit.

As painters began to reject Renaissance perspective in favor of alternative aesthetic ideas, fine arts photographers also began to break with convention, making images that were self-consciously flat, allusive, and nonreferential.

Like artists in the radical arts movements of Cubism, Futurism, and Constructivism, 20th century photographers experimented with vantage points, framing, and lighting to achieve the fragmentation of Picasso or the complex intersecting planes of Lissitsky.

They also applied techniques borrowed from both filmmakers and scientists, including the use of negative prints, camera-less photograms, close-ups, lens distortions, and montage.

The exhibition traces these developments with works by artists such as Berenice Abbott, Karl Blossfeldt, Imogen Cunningham, Gyorgy Kepes, Dora Maar, Laszlo Moholy-Nagy, Paul Outerbridge, Alfred Steiglitz, and Edward Weston, as well as with examples of the commercial and advertising photographs found in contemporaneous books and periodicals.

"Seeing the Unseen" is organized in conjunction with Prof. McCauley's course "Masters and Movements of 20th-Century Photography," in which she examines the ways photography has been "transformed from a poor stepchild of the fine arts to a staple of museum exhibitions."

The Princeton University Art Museum, free and open to the public, is located in the middle of the University campus next to Prospect House and Gardens. Due to ongoing construction, visitors should use the staff entrance on the west side of the building, across the green from Dodd Hall. For more information, call (609) 258-5828 or visit www.princetonartmuseum.org.

WHOLEHEARTED: Recent work by Trenton artist Joanna Platt will be featured at the Extension Gallery in "The Sum of its Parts," an exhibition that will appear from February 10 through March 6.

Extension Gallery To Run Solo Show

The Extension Gallery will feature paintings, assemblage paintings, and kinetic and static sculpture by Joanna Platt, a Trenton artist, in the exhibit "The Sum of its Parts."

Scheduled to run from Monday, February 10 through Thursday, March 6, the exhibit will include an opening reception on Saturday, February 15 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Ms. Platt's work explores the relationship between humans and machines: the complex ways we internalize the machines we have created and, conversely, the ways in which they begin to resemble us. She is interested in the systems of the body, the similarities between the electrical impulses of circuitry and the synapses of the brain, and the flow of platelets and the exchange of information.

In her work, she utilizes a wide variety of materials with each element imparting distinct characteristics. She is primarily interested in working with peeled-away layers, the religious iconography of the past, and the concept of reliquary: the representation of a saint used to house part of the saint's body that has been preserved.

Ms. Platt graduated with a B.F.A. from Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University. In July 2001, she completed an apprenticeship at the Johnson Atelier Technical Institute of Sculpture in Mercerville. Soon after, she became a member of the technical and instructional staff in the pattern development department at the Johnson Atelier and in October 2001, she became the department supervisor.

The Extension Gallery is located at the Johnson Atelier, School of Sculpture at 60 Sculptors Way in Mercerville. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by appointment. For more information, call (609) 890-7777 or visit www.atelier.org.

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THE VERDICT: To be held through March 16 at the Coryell Gallery in Lambertville, the 23rd Annual Juried Art Exhibition will feature many works, including the above "Thistle Days Along the Delaware," a painting by Joanne Augustine, of Princeton, that received an honorable mention.

PRIOR TO ASCENT: Paintings by Anthony Panzera, including the above "Deposition," will be on display through February 9 in "Sign at the Crossroads," an exhibit currently featured in the Community Gallery at the Newark Museum.

Coryell Gallery to Hold 23rd Annual Juried Show

The Coryell Gallery and the Lambertville Historical Society will host the 23rd Annual Juried Art Exhibition, themed "Lambertville and the Surrounding Area," through Thursday, March 16.

Eight artists have been awarded cash prizes, selected by the judge for the show.

The Lambertville Historical Society Award of $100 was presented to Luiz Vilela, of New York, for his painting "Late Afternoon, Lambertville. The Coryell Gallery Award of $100 was given to Alexander Farnham, of Kingwood Township, for his painting "Canal at Coryell Street."

Robert Sakson, of Trenton, was awarded the Lambertville Station Award of $100 for his watercolor "Her Memories." Bryan Fisher, of Pineville, Pa., was given the Millham Companies Award of $200 for his painting "Eighty Eight."

The Niece Lumber Company Award of $100 was presented to Marge Chavooshian, of Trenton, for "Fallen Leaves." The Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission Award of $100 was awarded to Vincent Ceglia, of Lambertville, for his painting entitled "Barns in Autumn."

Tom Birkner, of Lambertville, was given the LDP Consulting Group Award of $250 for his painting "Dark Portrait of Unknown Girl." W. Carl Burger, of Califon, won the Bob and James Byers Award of $250 for his drawing titled "View From the Bridge."

Artist Mel Leipzig, of Trenton, who was invited to judge the show this year, selected seven Honorable Mentions: Joanne Augustine, of Princeton; Charles McVicker, of Princeton; Joy Barth, of Belle Mead; John Ennis, of Yardley, Pa.; Barbara Kes Farnham, of Kingwood Township; Jeff Gola, of Lawrenceville; and Katharine Steele Renninger, of Newtown, Pa.

A committee from the Lambertville Historical Society selected the pastel painting "York Street Shadow Dance" by Mike Filipiak, of Flemington, to be raffled off for the benefit of the society. Tickets of $5 each will be available in the gallery for the drawing, which will take place on Saturday, March 15 at 4 p.m.

The Coryell Gallery at the Porkyard is located at 8 Coryell Street in Lambertville along the Delaware and Raritan Canal. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday from 12 to 5 p.m. For more information, call (609) 397-0804.

Photo Show Ongoing At Lawrenceville School

"Crossing Borders: The Photographs of Barbara Beirne," an exhibition of recent photography by Barbara Beirne will be presented in the Hutchins Rotunda at The Lawrenceville School through Tuesday, March 4.

An opening reception with the artist will be held on Friday, February 7 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The exhibition features recent work by Ms. Beirne in the form of 21 large black and white images of first and second generation American high school students. In order to photograph and interview her subjects for written excerpts that will appear in conjunction with the images, the artist traveled throughout the country.

"The first generation teens have watched as their parents struggle in new surroundings, while they, too, adjust to a new country and often a new language," said Ms. Beirne. "Many second generation American teens struggle to negotiate in two worlds, seeking to learn and respect their parents' cultural background while living in a country whose traditions demand that they look forward."

Heralded by David Haberstich, head of photographic collections at the National Museum of American History at the Smithsonian Institute as "an accomplished documentary photographer," Ms. Beirne creates images that serve as emblems of the social, racial, and cultural diversity of the nation.

Ms. Beirne received an M.F.A. from Pratt Institute and a B.A. from Marymount College. She had held solo exhibitions at galleries and museums around the country, and she has lectured at numerous universities.

The Marguerite & James Hutchins Rotunda is located in the Gruss Center of Visual Arts at The Lawrenceville School in Lawrenceville. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Saturday. In addition, the gallery is open from 1 to 4:30 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday as well as Thursday and Friday. For more information, call (609) 620-6026 or visit www.lawrenceville.org.

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ON THE MENU: Through February 28, Artworks will display multi-media works, including the above "Pantry" by Gail Bracegirdle, in "Diners and Dinners," an exhibition featuring art about food.

Artworks Featuring A "Diner" Experience

"Diners and Dinners," an exhibition focused on art about food, will run at Artworks through Friday, February 28. An opening reception will be held on Friday, February 7 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Artists from the region have been invited to contribute works of art about food, whether eating, tasting, or preparing. Watercolor painter and Artworks instructor Gail Bracegirdle coordinated the show. She has invited artists from many disciplines, including jewelry making, ceramics, painting, sculpture, and photography.

Concurrent with the show, Artworks is beginning its membership drive. To that end, several restaurants in the Trenton area are offering their support of Artworks and the "Diners and Dinners" exhibition by providing gift certificates that will be made available to Artworks members at the exhibit's opening reception.

A visual arts school and gallery, Artworks is located at 19 Everett Alley in Trenton. For more information, call (609) 394-9436 or visit www.artworksnj.org.1

REFLECTING NATURE: Princeton artist Susan Hockaday is presenting abstract photographic images of water, including the above "Halfway Brook - 8," in an exhibition that will run at the Anne Reid Art Gallery of Princeton Day School through February 21.

Gallery 14 to Feature Two Photo Exhibitions

Images by both Jay Goodkind and Robert Borsuk will be on display at Gallery 14 in Hopewell from Friday, February 15 through Sunday, March 16.

An opening reception will be held on Friday, February 14 from 6 to 9 p.m. In addition, patrons will have an opportunity to meet the photographers on Sunday, February 16 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Mr. Goodkind will feature his photographic works in "Water in Motion." To his eye and camera, the beauty of motion is suggested in photographs by the use of slow shutter speeds. The aspect of moving water in the images displayed includes water active and frozen, flowing streams, and frozen waterfalls.

Mr. Borsuk will display his images as part of "Without Tools He Is Nothing." Titled after a quote from Thomas Carlyle, the exhibit consists of large sepia toned silver gelatin prints, taken of a collection of antique tools, some more than 100 years old. Shown as larger than life-size as portraits, the images assume an identity different than their original purpose.

A cooperative fine art photographic gallery, Gallery 14 is located on the second floor of 14 Mercer Street in Hopewell. Gallery hours are Saturday and Sunday from 12 to 5 p.m. or by appointment. For more information, call (609) 333-8511 or visit www.photosgallery14.com.

"Focus on Sculpture" Continues at Grounds for Sculpture

"Focus on Sculpture 2003," a juried photography show, will run at the Grounds for Sculpture, the 35-acre sculpture grounds and museum in Hamilton, through April 6.

Installed in the mezzanine of the Domestic Arts Building, "Focus on Sculpture 2003" coincides with "Dale Chihuly 2003" and is one of Grounds for Sculpture's Fall/Winter 2002-2003 Exhibitions.

"Focus on Sculpture 2003" is the fourth annual juried photography exhibition held at Grounds for Sculpture. All images share sculpture as subject matter, tying in with the sculpture park's mission to foster a greater understanding and appreciation of contemporary sculpture through exhibitions, publications, and educational programs.

The impetus associated with establishing this annual photo show was to promote sculpture in a unique way by allowing viewers to look at and experience three-dimensional art through a different medium.

A different juror is invited to select the photographs each year. This year, Hope R. Proper, curator of exhibitions at the Perkins Center for the Arts in Moorestown, was the juror. From the 204 entries that were submitted, 38 photographs by 33 artists were chosen for the exhibition.

Grounds for Sculpture is located at 18 Fairgrounds Road in Hamilton. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. For additional information, call (609) 586-0616 or visit www.groundsforsculpture.org.

BETTER THAN ONE: Photographs by Robert Borsuk will be featured along with images by Jay Goodkind in two concurrent exhibitions, scheduled to appear at Gallery 14 in Hopewell from February 15 through March 16.

Nautilus Notes

Learning is alive at Princeton Junior School as we welcome members of McCarter Theatre's Education Department who have adapted Shakespeare's *The Tempest* for young audiences. Their revision of this age-old story combines puppetry, masks and music. Their workshops, conducted by teaching artists and designed to introduce students to Shakespeare, will greatly enliven our students' experience as well.

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"Vagina Monologues" To Highlight V-Day

Performances of "The Vagina Monologues" will raise money for Womanspace and highlight V-Day celebrations at Princeton University, Rider University, and The College of New Jersey (TCNJ).

V-Day, a global movement to stop violence against women and girls, promotes creative events to increase awareness, raise money, and revitalize the spirit of existing anti-violence programs that target violence against women including rape, battery, incest, female genital mutilation, and sexual slavery.

Womanspace is a Mercer County-based agency that provides services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

"The Vagina Monologues" is a provocative aspect of playwright Eve Ensler's crusade aimed at wiping out the shame and embarrassment that many women feel about their sexuality.

V-Day grew out of responses to early performances of "The Vagina Monologues," where women would approach Ms. Ensler and tell her of their own experiences of assault and other aggression. She began to use performances of "The Vagina Monologues" to raise funds for organizations working to stop violence.

Since it was first staged in New York, "The Vagina Monologues" has been performed around the world. Over the last five years, the national V-Day campaign has raised more than $13 million and reached 25 million people.

Princeton University performances, directed by student director Jessica Brondo and sponsored by Wym'on Stage, will be held on February 13, 14, and 15 at 8 p.m. at the Frist Campus Center. For ticket information, call (609) 394-0136.

TCNJ performances, directed by student directors Jonathan Elliott, Ryan Haggett, Christine Mesropyan, and Kathryn Sclavi and sponsored by Women in Learning & Leadership, will be held on February 14 and 15 at 8 p.m. at the Campus Music Hall.

The performances at Rider University will take place in the university's Yvonne Theater on February 11 at 8 p.m. and February 12 at 7 and 9:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Gender Studies and Fine Arts programs and funded by the student activity fee, the performance at Rider will seek to raise $10,000 for Womanspace.

"I am excited and honored to be a part of this important event," said Miriam Mills, adjunct assistant professor of fine arts at Rider and the show's director. "Not only are we raising much-needed money, but we are giving our students an opportunity to consider their sexuality in a greater context."

V-Day is a movement that is particularly appropriate for and supported on college campuses, according to Judith Johnston, professor of English and director of Rider's Gender Studies program.

"Think about the popular and slang words we use to describe women's sexual body parts," said Dr. Johnston. "Those words express more than disrespect for women. They reflect the fact that violence against women and girls is common, not even newsworthy, and — although deplored — seen as inevitable.

"'The Vagina Monologues' lets us talk about women's sexuality with laughter, joy and acceptance," she added. "By respecting women's bodies, these monologues show us how we can end violence against women."

Tickets are $10 for open seating. Sponsorship tickets are available at $50 or $100. For tickets, call (609) 896-5303. For more information or to volunteer for or participate in Rider's V-Day, call (609) 896-5168.

"The Tempest" Due at McCarter With Blair Brown

Tony Award-winning actress Blair Brown will bring to life one of Shakespeare's great roles as the exiled Prospera in McCarter Theatre's production of *The Tempest*, February 11 through March 2. Opening night is Friday, February 14 at 8 p.m.

The play is directed by McCarter artistic director Emily Mann.

Though other traditionally male-dominated Shakespearean roles have been portrayed by women, Prospero, the wrongly deposed Duke of Milan, who uses his magical power to rule over an island, has usually been played by a man. For McCarter's production, Ms. Mann has chosen to place a woman in the eye of the tempest, giving stage and television star Blair Brown the opportunity to add her name to the list of stars who have performed the role.

"I reread The Tempest and realized it did not matter if Prospero were masculine or feminine," said Ms. Mann. "A woman can wield power, can be a sorceress or magician, can do all that is required of Prospero in the play." For Ms. Mann, Shakespeare's mysterious island is an extension of Prospera's raging soul, a place where anything might happen. With that in mind, set designer Richard Hoover has devised a set that penetrates Prospera's emotional landscape, and reflects her interior journey.

McCarter literary director Liz Engelman calls *The Tempest* "a rite of passage through loss and change, life and death, growing up and returning home. Looked at through a modern lens, *The Tempest* still offers up questions to wrestle with today, profound questions about the condition of mankind and the politics of power."

It will be a return to McCarter Theatre for Ms. Brown, who appeared in the world premiere of Athol Fugard's *Sorrows and Rejoicings*. Ms. Brown's recent credits include Desiree in *A Little Night Music* as part of the Kennedy Center Sondheim Festival; James Joyce's *The Dead* and Sam Mendes' production of *Cabaret* on Broadway. For her performance in Michael Frayn's drama *Copenhagen*, she was awarded the 2000 Tony Award for best featured actress in a play. She has worked extensively in television, where she has received five Emmy Award nominations, and won the 1990 Ace Award for best actress in a dramatic series for her starring role in *The Days and Nights of Molly Dodd*.

In *The Tempest* Ms. Brown will be joined by Julyana Soelistyo as Ariel, Rachel Matthews Black as Miranda, Yusef Bulos as Gonzalo, Caroline Stefanie Clay as Alonza, John Feltch as Antonio, Cameron Folmar as Trincula, Ian Kahn as Caliban, John Keating as Stephano, Ezra Knight as Sebastian and Lorenzo Pisoni as Ferdinand.

The design team for *The Tempest* includes Tony Award-winning set designer Richard Hoover, Obie Award-winning lighting designer Mimi Jordan Sherin, and costume designer Jess Goldstein. Original music and sound design are by Rob Milburn and Michael Bodeen.

Preview performances begin on Tuesday, February 11. Tickets range from $31 to $47. To order, call (609) 258-2787 or visit www.mccarter.org.

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Shakespeare Festival Announces Auditions

The Princeton Rep Shakespeare Festival will hold auditions for its 2003 summer season bn February 15 from 12 noon to 7 p.m. Candidates will be contacted with audition appointments and audition location.

The Princeton Rep Company will stage *The Comedy of Errors* and *The Merry Wives of Windsor* from June 27 to August 16.

Actors are asked to prepare a 90-second classical comic monologue and a 90-second contemporary monologue that uses complex and intelligent language. The company is seeking experienced classical actors with strong comic instincts.

Also needed are versatile actors who can sing and dance hip-hop, jazz or free-styling and acrobatics. Those actors should prepare a song and be ready to move. Actors may be considered for roles in both shows. Minority actors are strongly encouraged to apply. Housing will be available. This call is for non-Equity actors only.

Actors are asked to submit their pictures and resumes via mail to Princeton Rep Company, One Palmer Square, Suite 541, Princeton 08542; or via e-mail to PRCRep Rap@aol.com; or via FAX to (609) 921-3962.

THE STAGE IS ALIVE: Children dressed as characters from "The Sound of Music" line up on the McCarter Theatre stage on Sunday. McCarter held two Sound of Music Sing-a-longs, which played to full houses and drew hundreds of costumed fans.

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CINEMA REVIEW — *"Talk to Her"*

Another Arresting Adventure by Director Pedro Almodovar

Over the years, we have come to associate Pedro Almodovar with raucous, relationship-driven vehicles revolving around some rather outrageous women characters.

Although the daring director started making movies in 1974, he had already released about 20 films overseas before American audiences finally began to take note of Spain's best kept cinematic secret since Luis Bunuel (*That Obscure Object of Desire*).

Because Almodovar's early obsession with the salacious and the sordid often offended our Puritanical sensibilities, he first found himself marginalized as a kinky kook while his obvious gifts as a storyteller were simply being overlooked. Yet he never compromised, keeping everyone uncomfortable with his ever aggressive incursions into the realm of unconventional love and bizarre sex.

CAST OF CHARACTERS: Leonor Watling plays Alicia in "Talk to Her," the latest film by director Pedro Almodovar. *(Photo by Miguel Bracho)*

In 1989, Almodovar's *Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown* was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Foreign Film. The following year, *Tie Me Up! Tie Me Down!* generated enough additional acclaim to prove the irreverent upstart as more than a one-hit wonder. And ultimately, he eliminated the last of his detractors with *All About My Mother*, an emotionally engaging effort which won the Foreign Film Oscar in 2000.

Almodovar might easily have rested on his laurels and parlayed all the accolades into cash by simply selling out to the dictates of Hollywood. But instead of serving up a safe, formulaic blockbuster, he has followed up *All About My Mother* with what I believe to be his best work to date. *Talk to Me*, which has already won this year's Golden Globe for Best Foreign Film, is as uncharacteristic as it is vintage Almodovar.

The storyline is innovative for him in that instead of featuring out-of-control females, it focuses on the intimate friendship which is forged between two men, each in love with and caring for a comatose woman over a long period of convalescence. Superficially, though, it still seems like another one of Almodovar plots in that it also explores an unspoken taboo, namely, eroticized love with someone in a vegetative state.

At the center of *Talk to Her* are Benigno (Javier Camara) and Marco (Dario Grandinetti). Benigno is a lonely, sexually-ambiguous nurse who still lives at home with his mother. He finally finds some meaning in life when he is assigned, full-time, to attend to Alicia (Leonor Watling), a beautiful ballet student he had admired from afar before the car accident which has left her in a coma.

Meanwhile, Marco's lover Lydia (Rosario Flores) ends up equally incapacitated and in the same private clinic after she is gored by a bull in the ring. So, it is just a matter of time before Benigno and Marco meet, commiserate, befriend, and become incestuously involved in each other's lives.

It would be a sin for me to spoil further such an intriguing treat which unfolds in ways I never could have imagined. Suffice to say that the tale is certain to hit a nerve or two somewhere deep within each viewer, triggering introspection on such sobering subjects as communicating with the brain-dead, one's mortality, the value of solitude, unrequited quasi-necrophilia, the price of passion, asexual intimacy between men, and crossing the line into insanity.

A compelling, multi-layered drama artfully executed by a very colorful cast of characters. What more could you want from a movie?

Excellent (★★★★) In Spanish with subtitles. Rated R for frontal nudity, graphically-depicted sex, some profanity and adult themes.

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AT THE CINEMA

About Schmidt (R) Another Oscar nomination is expected for Jack Nicholson's sometimes comic, sometimes poignant portrayal of a retired, suddenly widowed insurance salesman who tries to fathom the meaning of his ordinary life.

Adaptation (R) The line between fiction and reality becomes blurred in screenwriter Charlie Kaufman's story about screenwriter Charlie Kaufman (played by Nicholas Cage), who tries, with great difficulty, to adapt a nonfiction book into a movie script. Meryl Streep co-stars.

Biker Boyz (PG-13) Who will beat the fastest biker in the west? Street racing champion Laurence Fishburne is challenged by motorcyclists Derek Luke and Kid Rock.

Catch Me if You Can (PG-13) The true story of a master 1960s con man and impersonator (Leonardo DiCaprio), pursued for years by a dogged FBI agent (Tom Hanks). From Steven Spielberg, and worth catching.

Chicago (PG-13) Bob Fosse's exuberant musical about jazz age entertainers stars Renee Zellweger and Catherine Zeta-Jones as the singing "merry murderesses."

Confessions of a Dangerous Mind (R) The "unauthorized autobiography" of TV game show producer Chuck Barris (Sam Rockwell), who claimed to moonlight as a CIA assassin. George Clooney's directing debut.

Darkness Falls (PG-13) Low-budget horror about an evil "Tooth Fairy" ghost who kills people at night.

Far from Heaven (PG-13) Drama set in 1950s about forbidden love—the husband's homosexuality, his wife's interracial attraction. With Dennis Quaid and Julianne Moore as the couple, Dennis Haysbert as their gardener.

Final Destination 2 (R) You can't cheat the Grim Reaper, apparently, as people saved from death by a premonition are fated to die anyway, in one gruesome accident after another.

Gangs of New York (R) Martin Scorsese's long-awaited film about vengeance, political corruption and religious strife in mid-19th century Manhattan stars Leonardo DiCaprio as an Irish gang leader, Liam Neeson as his father, Cameron Diaz as his girlfriend, and Daniel Day-Lewis as his villainous rival.

How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days (PG-13) Not one but two plot contrivances propel this romantic comedy with Kate Hudson and Matthew McConaughey.

Kangaroo Jack (PG) A computer-generated kangaroo hops away with a mobster's $50,000, sending the two bungling deliverymen in hot pursuit.

Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (PG-13) Second installment in the *Rings* trilogy offers three more hours of the effects-filled and action-packed adventures of the Hobbits, Uruks, Orcs and Ents.

Nicholas Nickleby (PG) Pared down for the screen, the lengthy Charles Dickens novel about triumph over adversity stars Charlie Hunnam as Nicholas, Christopher Plummer as his villainous Uncle Ralph, and Jim Broadbent as the sadistic Wackford Squeers.

The Pianist (R) Absorbing, true story of the struggle by concert pianist Wladyslaw Szpilman (Adrien Brody) to survive Nazi brutality in the Warsaw ghetto, told in harrowing fashion by director Roman Polanski.

Rabbit-Proof Fence (PG) True story of three Australian girls who are taken from their Aborigine mothers in a 1930s government program, then escape to make the 1,200-mile trek home on foot.

The Recruit (PG-13) "Nothing is what it seems" is the recurring refrain in thriller about a young computer whiz (Colin Farrell) trained for CIA skulduggery by a grizzled veteran (Al Pacino).

Shanghai Knights (PG-13) Playful sequel to *Shanghai Noon* features the physical comedy and kung fu stunts of Jackie Chan, this time in 1887 England.

Talk to Her (PG) Two men meet in a hospital where each is caring for a comatose girlfriend, and develop an unexpected friendship. Pedro Almodovar's thought-provoking film about love, loneliness, and loss is in Spanish with English subtitles.

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Johanna Procaccini, of Princeton, a sixth year doctor of pharmacy student at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy at University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, has completed the sixth of eight clerkship rotations at the U.S. Air Force Pharmacy in Fort Dix. She spent previous rotations at Novo Nordisk Pharmaceutical in Princeton, Health Link Medical Center in Southampton, Pa., Horizon Mercy Plan in Trenton, Presbyterian Medical Center in Philadelphia, and St. Mary Hospital in Langhorne, Pa.

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Named to the University of Delaware's dean's list for the fall semester are eight students from the Princeton area. Those achieving grade point averages of 3.33 or above, on a 4.0 scale, were **Jennifer Michelle Kling, Alena Brooke Lustbader, Caitlin Matolka**, and **Alessandra Barlow Schneider**, all of Princeton; **Rashmi Ray, Katie Jean Baur**, and **Megan Lynn Hoffman**, all of Princeton Junction; and **Jaime Audrey Walden**, of West Windsor.

Alison Rea-Ying Hwong, a second-semester sophomore at Brown University, has been awarded a Karen T. Romer Undergraduate Teaching and Research Assistantship (UTRA) fellowship. She is the daughter of Mr. and Dr. Corrington Hwong of Princeton.

The UTRA fellowship provides a student with the opportunity to work closely in research situations with faculty members, to participate integrally in the process of course development and revision, and to experience the work of college teaching directly.

Muktesh Sinha, of Princeton, will receive a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science from Syracuse University's L.C. Smith College of Engineering and Computer Science, at the University's 149th commencement ceremony scheduled for May 11 in the University's Carrier Dome.

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Kathryn Rhett, a 1980 graduate of Princeton Day School, was recently granted tenure by the Gettysburg College board of trustees based on her teaching, research and governance. Tenure and an academic rank promotion to associate professor will become effective for her on September 1.

Ms. Rhett went to Gettysburg College in 1997 after having taught at Queens University in Charlotte, N.C., the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, the University of Iowa, and the University of San Francisco. An assistant professor of English, she also serves as advisor to The Mercury, Gettysburg's undergraduate literary magazine, and The Writing House, a special-interest residence hall for students interested in writing.

Ms. Rhett is author of *Near Breathing* and *Survival Stories: Memoirs of Crisis*. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from John Hopkins University and a master's in fine arts from the University of Iowa's Writer's Workshop.

Four Princeton area students at the Peddie School have been named Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars, making them some of the highest achieving students in New Jersey. They are Arslan Johnghar, son of Bache and Shurra Johnghar of Princeton; **Emily Brickner**, daughter of Joseph and Mary Brickner of West Windsor; **Aarti Kapoor**, daughter of Rajesh and Poonam Kapoor of West Windsor; and **Laura Giusto**, daughter of Phillip and Susan Giusto of Plainsboro.

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Emily Brickner

Laura Giusto

Arslan Johnghar

Juliet A. Moore of Princeton, a junior at Phillips Exeter Academy, has earned high honors for the fall term. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moore, she is in her first year at the independent secondary school in Exeter, N. H.

High honors at the school require a B+ average, equal to 9.0 on a 10 scale.

Christopher McLeod Jacobi, of Princeton, has been named to the Wake Forest University dean's list for the fall, 2002, semester. He is a junior majoring in political science. The Wake Forest dean's list requires a grade point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Elizabeth Leonard of Princeton has earned an award for logging 250 hours in the American Quarter Horse Association Horseback Riding Program. The program recognizes AQHA members for time spent with their American quarter horses in activities such as trail rides, working cattle, pleasure driving, and riding.

Based in Amarillo, Texas, AQHA encourages horseback riding as a recreational activity that can be enjoyed alone or shared with family and friends. Members need not own their own horse, but all official hours must be accrued with a registered American quarter horse.

Kyle John Williams, of Princeton, has achieved honor roll honors at Mercersburg Academy for the fall term, with a grade point average of 80 to 89. A senior at the Academy, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Williams.

Mercersburg Academy is an independent, coeducational, college preparatory boarding and day school in south-central Pennsylvania with 430 students enrolled from 29 states and 25 nations.

Candice L. Reese, of Princeton, is included on the dean's list of Furman University for the fall term 2002. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Timothy Reese of Andrews Lane.

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Sports

Wente Shows Value as Tiger Men's Hoops Top Harvard, Dartmouth for 2-0 Ivy Start

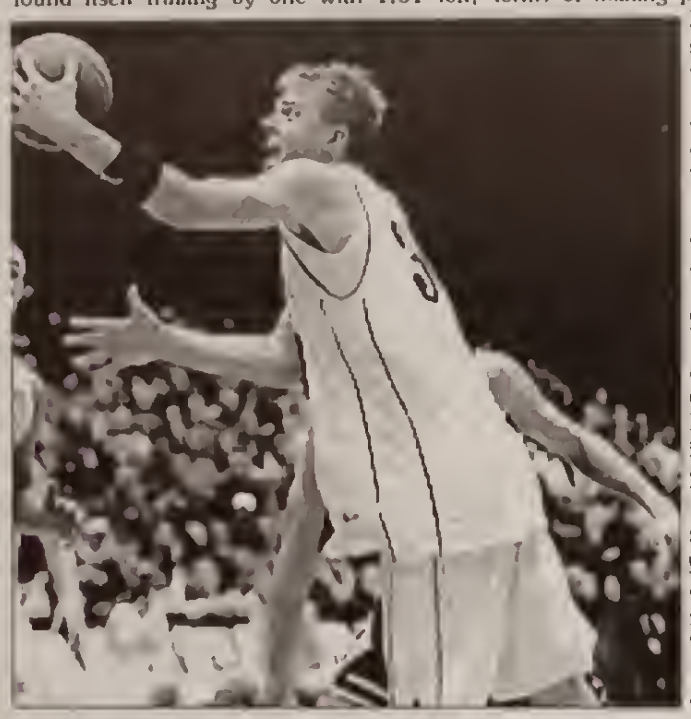
Kyle Wente didn't crack double figures in scoring against either Harvard or Dartmouth last weekend as the Princeton University men's basketball team kicked off its Ivy League campaign.

By virtue of his all-around contributions and clutch play, however, Wente was probably the Tigers' most valuable player as Princeton fought past Harvard 67-61 on Friday before 5,317 at Jadwin Gym and then bested Dartmouth 57-52 a night later before a Jadwin crowd of 5,747 to improve to 8-7 and get off to its seventh straight 2-0 Ivy start.

In the Harvard game, in which Princeton found itself trailing by one with 1:51 left, Wente ended up with six points, five assists, and five rebounds. Against Dartmouth, the Tigers' captain produced nine points, seven assists, and seven rebounds, including a go-ahead basket with 2:32 remaining and two crucial free throws with 56 seconds left.

As Princeton head coach John Thompson III reviewed the stat sheet after the Dartmouth game, he gave an eloquent interpretation of Wente's numbers.

"Look at what Wente did, seven rebounds, nine points, seven assists, and one turnover. That's a Princeton line," said Thompson. "He's invaluable. I thought he was terrific in terms of making plays. When you look at his stat sheet, you might see six points but all those points come at a time when we need them. He makes plays when we need them to be made."



RED LETTER DAY: Princeton University center Judson Wallace powers to the basket in the Tigers' 67-61 victory over visiting Harvard last Friday. Wallace, a sophomore, poured in a career-high 20 points in the win.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Wente, for his part, didn't see his play as anything out of the ordinary. "You do the things you need to do to win, I think that's the attitude around here," said the 6'4 senior forward from Effingham, Illinois who is averaging 5.8 points per game.

"We take pride in winning games. After four years of living in that atmosphere, it just grows on you and that's what you do."

The Tigers needed every bit of that mindset as they were pushed to the brink by both Harvard and Dartmouth. "Those games were too close for me," said Wente with a chuckle. "It was good to have another game where we did the things we needed to do to win. That hasn't exactly been the story this season. Now that we've got to the league, we put things together, it's looking good."

Against Harvard, the Tigers got big offensive nights from Will Venable (21 points) and Judson Wallace (20 points) and then key defensive stops down the stretch to hold off the Crimson (10-7, 2-2 Ivy)

In the win over the Big Green, the Tigers started in an offensive funk as they scored just four points in the first 8:30 of the game. The Tigers picked up the offense and built a 45-34 lead with 8:44 remaining in the game but Dartmouth responded with a run which saw it tie the game at 47-47 and 49-49.

Princeton tightened up the defense and made its free throws to edge the Big Green (4-13, 0-4) and win its 56th straight Ivy game at home against teams other than Penn. Spencer Gloger scored 16 and Ray Robins added 14 to help pace the Tigers

CAPTAIN COURAGEOUS: Princeton University captain Kyle Wente looks to pass in the Tigers' 67-61 win over visiting Harvard last Friday. Paced by Wente's clutch play, Princeton completed a weekend Ivy League sweep by beating Dartmouth 57-52 on Saturday to improve to 8-7 (2-0 Ivy).

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Although the Tigers' performances over the weekend weren't pretty, a relieved Thompson wasn't in a mood to be picky.

"Wins are very good, period," said Thompson, who now has a 40-29 mark as Princeton coach. "The nature of conference play is that anybody can beat anybody. I think that team [Dartmouth] played terrific. They came here to win and they executed."

Thompson was heartened by the grit shown by the Tigers. "Obviously we didn't play as well as I would've liked," said Thompson, whose club plays at Columbia on February 7 and at Cornell on February 8.

"I think it's a good sign that for a second night in a row, when we needed to execute we did. We had guys who made plays and stepped up. Both of those are games that we may have lost earlier in the year."

The experienced Wente knows that the Tigers are in for a dogfight as they battle their Ivy foes. "Every year the league seems to get tougher and tougher," said Wente, who was an honorable mention all-Ivy pick last season for the second straight year.

"Everybody is pretty much familiar with our stuff so we've had to learn how to handle that. We just can't take nights off. Hopefully as we're going forward, we realize that and every night we come out at the top of our game."

If the Tigers emulate the focus of their captain, they won't have to worry about coming out flat.

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CLEAR OUT: Princeton University defender Steve Slaton clears the puck away from the net in the Tigers' 5-2 loss to visiting Dartmouth last Friday. Princeton, which went on to lose 5-3 to Vermont on Saturday, host Clarkson on February 7 and St. Lawrence on February 8.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Tiger Women's Ice Hockey Blanked by Big Green

The Princeton University women's ice hockey team fell 4-0 to Dartmouth last Saturday at Hanover, N.H.

Tiger goalie Megan Van Beusekom made 26 saves but she couldn't stop the Big Green from scoring at least one goal in each period.

The Tigers, now 12-6-2 (5-3 ECAC), stay on the road next weekend as they play at Cornell on February 8 before traveling to Colgate on February 9.

Tiger Swimmers Excel At H-Y-P Competition

While the Princeton University women's swim team cruised to the H-Y-P title last weekend at Cambridge, Mass, the Tiger men needed a win in the final event to win the men's H-Y-P competition.

The women's team, which has won 40 straight dual meets, topped Harvard 199-120 and downed Yale 217-102. Standouts for the Tigers included Claire Peterson, the winner of the 200-yard backstroke (2:03.59), Chrissy Holland, the top finisher in the 200 breaststroke (2:20.46), Sarah Fraumann, the winner of the 500 freestyle (4:56.11) and Molly Seto, who won the 100 butterfly (55.78).

The men's competition produced far more drama as the Tigers need to take the meet's last event, the 400 freestyle, in order to earn victory. The Tiger quartet of Jamie Leahy, Mike Salerno, Justin Chiles and Carl Hessler did just that as they nipped Harvard by one second in 2:29.61 giving Princeton a 179-174 win over Harvard and a 275-76 win over Yale.

The Tiger women swimmers are next in action when they host Columbia on February 7 while the men's squad hosts Navy on February 8.

Tiger Field Hockey Coach Bozman Leaving For Duke

Longtime Princeton University field hockey coach Beth Bozman resigned last week to accept the head coaching position at Duke University.

In her 15-year tenure at Princeton, Bozman posted an overall record of 188-73-6 and went 80-13-3 in Ivy League games. Her teams won 10 Ivy crowns, including the last nine in a row. Bozman guided her teams to eight postseason appearances, reaching the NCAA Final Four on four occasions where the Tigers made two title games.

"Beth Bozman had a great impact on Princeton athletics during her 15 years here," said Princeton Director of Athletics Gary D. Walters in a statement. "We wish her the best at Duke." Bozman inherits a Duke squad that went 14-9 last season and advanced to the second round of the NCAA tourney. Princeton said it will undertake a national search to replace her.

El Halaby Comeback Highlights Tiger Squash Matches with Yale

With the Princeton University men's squash team tied 4-4 at Yale last Saturday, freshman star Yasser El Halaby produced a dramatic performance to give the Tigers a thrilling win.

El Halaby was down 2-0 and a match ball to Yale star Julian Illingworth but climbed out of that hole to earn an improbable 3-2 win to put the Tigers in the driver's seat for their second straight Ivy League crown.

In women's action, Princeton went out meekly as Yale won 9-0 with each Tiger losing by 3-0 scores.

The Tigers have home matches against Dartmouth on February 8 and Harvard on February 9.

Tiger Women's Basketball Falls to Dartmouth

Plagued by cold shooting, the Princeton University women's basketball team lost 74-52 to Dartmouth last Saturday in Hanover, N.H.

The Tigers shot 32 percent from the field as they fell to 6-11 and 1-2 in the Ivy League. Co-captain Maureen Lane had a productive night in a losing cause as she scored 12 points and pulled down six rebounds.

Princeton is at home this weekend as it faces Columbia on February 7 and Cornell on February 8.

GREEN DAY: Princeton University forward Dustin Sproat battles for the puck in the Tigers' 5-2 loss to visiting Dartmouth last Friday. Princeton, which lost 5-3 to Vermont on Saturday to fall to 3-18 (2-12 ECAC), has home games against Clarkson on February 7 and St. Lawrence on February 8.

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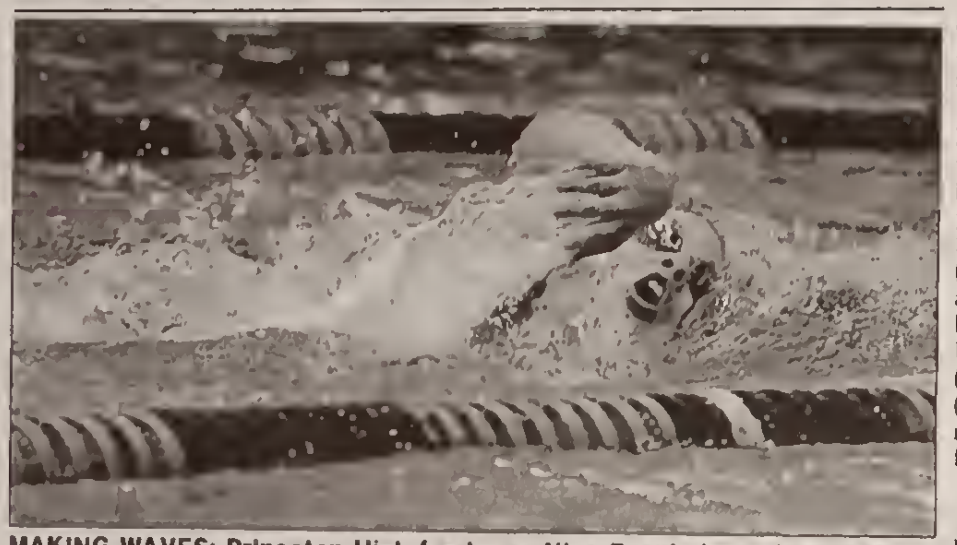
FLYING HOME: Princeton High freshman Nina Rossi, who has produced a county-best time of 57.79 in the 100-yard butterfly, in action action against Hopewell Valley. Rossi is looking to earn some medals at the finals of this weekend's Mercer County swimming championship at Lawrence High.

(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)



MAKING WAVES: Princeton High freshman Nina Rossi shows her freestyle power as she speeds through the water in the Little Tigers' recent meet against Hopewell Valley at DeNunzio Pool. Rossi has made a sudden impact for PHS girls' swim team this winter, ranking in the top three among Mercer County schools in six different events.

(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)

Frosh Rossi Soars to Top of Charts For PHS Girls' Swimming Team

In 2000, at the tender age of 12, Nina Rossi found herself at an athletic crossroad. She was tired of competing in gymnastics but she didn't know in which direction to channel her considerable energy

At the suggestion of a friend, Rossi joined the Community Park pool summer swimming program. While she found she only enjoyed the butterfly stroke at first, Rossi quickly expanded her repertoire and started competing in freestyle and medley events.

This winter, Rossi is turning her friend's advice into a tidal wave of success as she has emerged as a freshman sensation for the Princeton High swimming team.

The versatile and gifted Rossi has soared to the top three in Mercer County in six individual events. She has posted the top times in the 200-yard individual medley (2:08.30), the 50 free (25.33), and the 100 butterfly (57.79). In addition, she has the second best marks in the 200 free (1:57.30) and the 100 free (54.88) together with the number three time in the 500 free (5:17.06).

This weekend as she competes in the Mercer County Championships at Lawrence High, opposing coaches are likely to come away with plenty of reason to regret that Rossi turned her back on gymnastics.

Rossi, for her part, is primed to add some titles to her already impressive resume. "I love to race, it's fun to see how I can compete against myself and better my times," said Rossi in a recent interview. "I'm definitely looking forward to the county meet. I've never raced in it and everyone is telling me I'm going to do well."

The precocious Rossi has a simple explanation for her meteoric rise in area swimming circles. "My improvement comes down to being there all the time and consistently working out," added Rossi, who has also been a stellar performer for the Whitewaters swimming club this winter. "My coaches have really helped me with my technique. I'll do any event that will help my team."

In the view of PH5 head coach Greg Hand, it is Rossi's unbridled enthusiasm for competing that sets her apart. "Nina is an optimist, she finds a way to enjoy every challenge," said Hand. "5he doesn't really worry about the races. If she wins, she wins, if she doesn't, she doesn't. She's one of those kids who'll swim anything and enjoy it."

Hand says that Rossi's upbeat approach has rubbed off on her teammates. "Nina is a good person to sit near at a meet," said Hand, whose girls' squad finished the regular season with a 5-4 mark. "She has a kind of focus, an intuitive understanding that the only thing that really matters in swimming is what you do in the pool. The rest of the time she supports her teammates."

As a relative swimming neophyte, Rossi has drawn on her teammates in bursting on the scene. "Having the support of my team has helped my times improve," explained Rossi. "Some of my friends have been swimming competitively for six years. I just popped out of nowhere."

With the way Rossi's swimming high school career has started, it doesn't look like she will need to look elsewhere anytime soon to satisfy her competitive urges.

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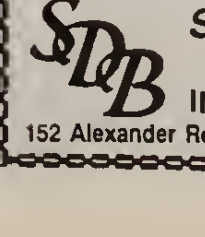

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Here's another question from the halls of higher learning. Factoring in all the won-loss records from all varsity sports played, which college in America — again at any level — was the most successful during the 2001 - '02 school year, based on overall winning percentage? Before you find out the answer, get this: The school's 31 teams had a combined record of 595-50-1 — a winning percentage of more than 92% — including three Division III national titles. The answer is Williams College in Williamstown, Mass., where almost 40% of the school's 2,000 students compete in varsity athletics.

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Here's one more college question to finish out the week. This college is the smallest Division I school in the country with less than 900 undergraduates. Yet among its famous alums in the world of sports are professional golfer Hal Sutton, longtime former NBA center Robert Parish, and the immortal Cal Hubbard, who is enshrined in both the professional baseball and football Halls of Fame. Can you name the school? Here's a hint: It's located in Louisiana. The answer is Centenary College.

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PHS Boys' Basketball Aims to Keep Fighting

COURT VISION: Princeton High guard Ryan Morgan eyes his next move as PHS fell 55-46 to Lawrence High last Thursday. The Little Tigers, who dropped to 2-11 with the setback, have road game against Nottingham on February 6, a home game against Hopewell Valley on February 8, and then a road contest at Allentown on February 11. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

SEEING RED: Princeton High's Ryan O'Grady fights to get past a Lawrence High defender in the Little Tigers' 55-46 loss to the Cardinals last Thursday.

(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)

As the Princeton High boys' basketball team heads into the final nine games of its season, head coach Dave Kosa knows that his club isn't going to be winning any titles in his first year at the helm of the program.

That doesn't mean, however, that the Little Tigers can't accomplish a lot down the homestretch of the season.

"We're going to play hard and try to play well every single game," said Kosa, after his team dropped a 55-46 decision to Lawrence last Thursday to fall to 2-11. "As far as wins and losses go, that will take care of itself. This was a game where we fought, it was back and forth. We keep getting better."

In the Lawrence game, PHS jumped out to a 16-11 first quarter lead but went into the halftime break down by four. In the second half, Lawrence never relinquished the lead despite runs by PHS which narrowed the gap to one at various junctures in the third quarter.

Utilizing a full-court press, the Little Tigers cut an eight-point fourth period deficit to four in the last minute but the Cardinals hit their free throws down the stretch to clinch a hard-earned win.

Edson St. Juste led PHS with 12 points, Bennett Murphy added 11 and Ryan O'Grady chipped in eight. Ryan Morgan did some nice work from the point guard position as he works his way back in the rotation after being sidelined for the first five games of the season.

For Kosa, the team's effort was emblematic of the progress it has made in a recent run of games which saw the squad notch a win over Princeton Day School to snap a 10-game losing streak days after it nearly beat WW/P-N.

"With a couple of minutes left this was still a ballgame," added Kosa, whose club plays at Nottingham on February 6, hosts Hopewell Valley on February 8, and then plays at Allentown on February 11. "The last three games we've had everyone healthy. We were able to compete. Before we had been in a stretch where games got out of hand early. We regrouped and got some experience."

The team's experience of fighting through some one-sided losses has made it a more cohesive unit. "We're playing together as a team, we're looking to one another more," explained Kosa. "We're doing a much better job as far as moving the ball around."

The addition of Morgan, a versatile athlete who led the PHS boys' soccer team in scoring last fall, has given PHS a boost. "Ryan is very intense, he picks us up," said Kosa. "He's still learning a little bit about playing the point and controlling the team. But he has been great for us as far as leadership."

As PHS finishes out its schedule, the focus will be on collective learning and laying a foundation for the future. "We have to learn to be more patient," said Kosa. "We're getting more consistent. Playing games like this will help us down the road."

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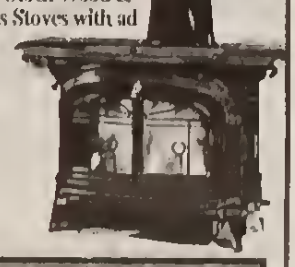

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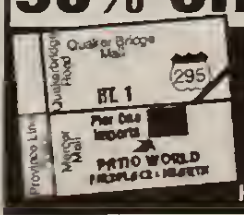

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COSTA BRAVO: Princeton Day School goalie Kristina Costa readies herself to stop Princeton High's Vicki Chen in PDS' 5-0 win over the Little Tigers last Monday. Costa, a sophomore, recorded 35 saves as she posted her first shutout of the year. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

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Costa Thwarts PHS Hockey As PDS Wins 5-0 in "Replay"

Emotions were running high last Monday at the Princeton Day School rink in what had become something of a Great Road grudge match.

PDS was hosting crosstown rival Princeton High in a "replay" of a controversial game a week earlier in which the Panthers scored five goals in the first period while PHS goalie Britney Russell was sidelined waiting for her equipment to arrive at the rink.

Due to the ill will which lingered from the game in which PDS held on to win 5-2 after the teams were at full strength, the athletic directors of the schools agreed that the result should be thrown out and the game replayed.

While the players on each side were aching to get at each other, PDS goalie Kristina Costa apparently got the best handle on her emotions.

Costa, a sophomore who is in her first season as a starting goalie, played the game of her career so far as she slammed the door on the Little Tigers in PDS' 5-0 win.

The athletic Costa, a speedster in the midfield for the PDS soccer and lacrosse teams, showed her growing confidence in the net as she sprawled and stretched for 35 saves in posting her first shutout of the year.

Afterward, Costa admitted that she was as edgy as anyone when she took the ice Monday afternoon. "I was a little nervous in the beginning of the game," said Costa. "The nerves were high but throughout the game I got more and more comfortable. The last minute and a half went very slowly, I just wanted a shutout."

For Costa, earning the shutout against PHS made it that much more special. "I was really excited, especially since it came against PHS," added a grinning Costa. "They have a really good goalie and it was good to get a shutout. I think it was one of my best games ever."

PDS head coach Meghan Hishmeh saw Costa's performance as a harbinger of more excellence on the horizon. "She played out of her mind," said Hishmeh, whose club got two goals each from Meg Kerwin and Heidi Morse and another from Clair Hoppenot as it improved to 6-8.

"That was her best game of the season. This was her first shutout and she was not about to let one pop through. I predict more things like this coming from her."

In Hishmeh's view, the dispute surrounding the earlier game helped focus her squad. "We wanted to right the situation," said Hishmeh, who blamed the controversy on a "misunderstanding" between the teams' coaching staffs. "We were happy to play them again. We came fired up and we did what we had to do and more, I think we are getting our confidence level up."

PHS head coach Matt Becan acknowledged that the Panthers showed plenty of self-belief. "PDS came out really quick on us," said Becan, whose team gave up a goal in the first 30 seconds on the way to dropping to 8-2-1. "I think we got kind of bewildered. They kept up the offensive attack. PDS capitalized on our mistakes and we didn't capitalize on theirs."

Like Hishmeh, Becan was happy to get last week's dispute cleared up. "All we asked for was a fair game and you have to hand to PDS, they showed sportsmanship in rescheduling this," said Becan, whose team plays at Wyoming Seminary on February 11 and then faces Morristown-Beard on February 13 at Baker Rink.

"We got a fair game. Both teams played really hard and played fair. The team was disappointed and was hanging their heads. We have to get our heads up and put this game behind us."

Costa, on the other hand, is hoping Monday's performance is something upon which she and the Panthers can build. "We've had some rough games, I had a lot of emotional baggage," said Costa, as she looks ahead to home games with Radnor High on Febraury 5 and Wyoming Seminary on February 7 before a state Prep tournament game against Morristown-Beard on February 12 at Lawrenceville.

"I had a slump but I've got out of it. We came out today and we had to want it and we did. If we can do that against Mo-Beard we can win."

And with an improving Costa as the last line of defense, the future looks bright for the Panthers. **—Bill Alden**

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Bergan's Strong Finish Fueling PDS Boys' Hockey

Dan Bergan's senior season on the Princeton Day School boys' ice hockey team got off to a slow start but things are starting to come together nicely.

Hampered by an injured shoulder in the early going, Bergan didn't show his normal scoring touch as the Panthers struggled to a 5-5-2 start against some tough competition.

Bergan, though, has caught fire, getting his scoring numbers up to 10 goals and 14 assists. The Panthers, meanwhile, have won seven of their last eight games as they approach the upcoming Prep B state tournrnament.

"I was hurt earlier in the season but I think I'm making a pretty sharp comeback," said Bergan after scoring two goals last Friday as PDS topped visiting St. Joesph's (Metuchen) 5-1 to improve to 12-6-2 on the season. "I feel real productive now."

The team's surge has Bergan hoping for his career to culminate with a state title. "It's always great to finish out a season like that," said Bergan with a grin. "Last year, we beat Kingswood Oxford and all the seniors left on a winning note. Hopefully, it's going to be the same for us this year. That's the ultimate goal."

PDS head coach Chris Barcless thinks that a state crown is a realistic aim. "The season's coming to an end and we're improving," said Barcless, whose club will likely face Hun in the opening round of the state tournament. "I think our biggest improvement has been in our puck movement. I think we have a chance to repeat and get our sixth title in a row."

The Panthers have the firepower to be formidable as senior Andy Latyszonek has 16 goals and 12 assists, freshman Luke Popko has 13 goals and 12 assists, and sophomore Will Denise has chipped in seven goals and 14 assists.

While Barcless acknowledges that his team's focus has wavered at times, he sees the positives outweighing the negatives.

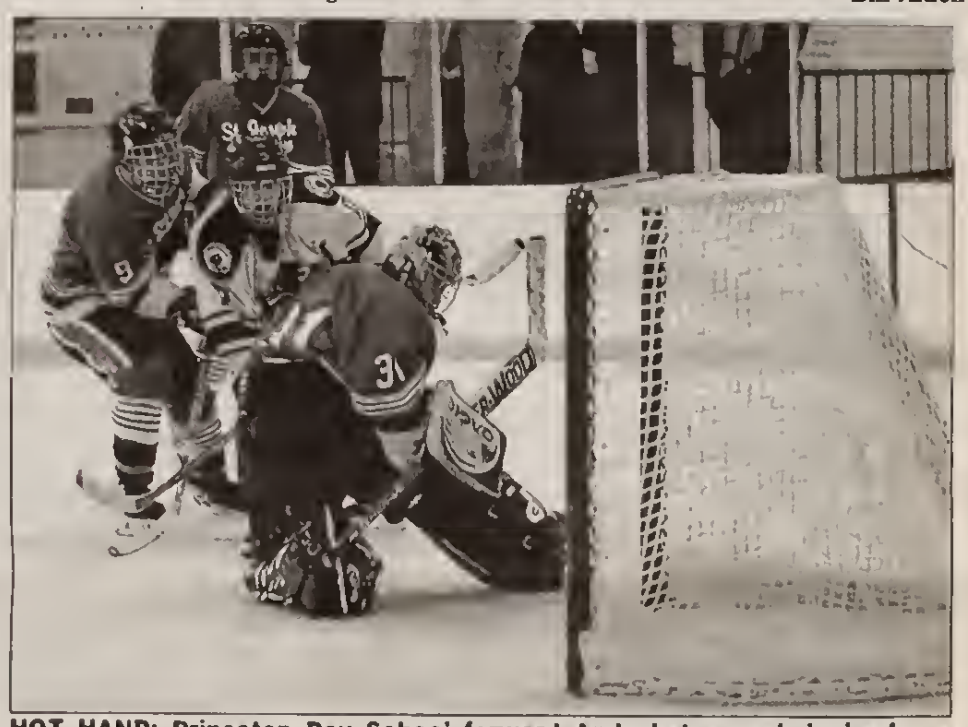
"It's been an enjoyable season so far," added Barcless, whose club hosts Portledge on February 5 and Germantown Academy on February 7 before starting state tournament play. "We've overachieved at times and we still have a good stretch of games left."

Bergan, for his part, believes that the team's seniors help their younger teammates make that homestretch memorable. "We have a couple of leaders on our team, it's hard to separate one from another," said Bergan.

"Leading by example is the way to go, especially in this game. We've been up and down, we can come out crazy or flat. It's just focus. The state tournament is something we're going to be focused for. We'll be ready for states."

Bergan will see to that as he focuses on producing a dream ending to his PDS career.

—Bill Alden



HOT HAND: Princeton Day School forward Andy Latyszonek looks for a rebound in PDS' 5-1 win over visiting St. Joseph's (Metuchen) last Friday. Latyszonek has scored 16 goals and 12 assists to lead the Panthers, who have won seven of their last eight games to improve to 12-6-2. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

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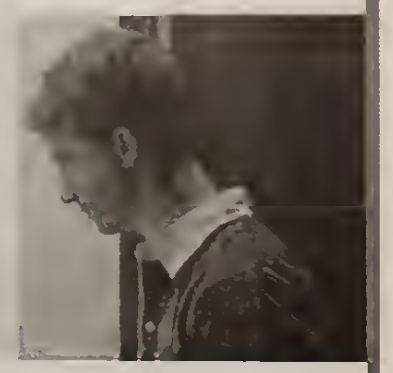

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Brunone, Seniors Lead Hun Hoops Over Rutgers Prep

Natalie Brunone was determined to make her last-ever quarter of regular season action at the Hun School gym something special.

With Hun tied 31-31 with undefeated Rutgers Prep last Saturday coming into the last eight minutes, Brunone did just that. The senior forward scored four points in the first two minutes of the quarter to key an 8-0 run and ended up with nine points overall in the final period as Hun held on for a hard-earned 51-43 win.

The win was particularly sweet for Hun as the Raiders avenged a heartbreaking 45-44 loss in December to Rutgers Prep. "We wanted it so bad, every single one of us," said Brunone, who ended up with a total of 13 points on the afternoon. "It [the earlier loss] gave us a lot of intensity. I think that it made this so much better."

The 5'7 forward from Robbinsville added that she and her classmates, Erin Sanderson, Shannon Mims, Angela Hawkins, and Cyndee Couch, were particularly fired up. "This was our last home game in the regular season, we really wanted to prove something," said Brunone. "I think this is a nice way to come out of it, I can't say enough about this team. This was a lot of fun, it was clearly one of the most intense games I've ever had."

As for her fourth quarter surge, Brunone said it was a matter of the team getting in sync at the right time. "I really felt like we were working together," said Brunone, who saw classmates Mims and Hawkins scored 13 points and six, respectively, and Sanderson run the offense with verve. "We had our concentration on each other. We worked together to improve."

Hun head coach Bill Holup knew that his team had to work on keeping its head if it was going to get revenge for the earlier loss to Rutgers Prep and recover from a distressing 52-25 loss to Lawrenceville on January 29. "In the last two days in practice, we have worked on having composure against pressure," explained Holup.

"We really needed to come back for this one, the way we were manhandled by Lawrenceville. With Rutgers Prep coming in here at 17-0, we knew they were going to give us a good test with their pressure."

The Raiders passed that test with flying colors and produced some defensive intensity as part of the bargain. "We made our free throws down the stretch and when we tried to stall the ball, the girls played much smarter," added Holup, whose club beat Princeton Day 46-27 last Monday to improve to 13-5 and plays at Solebury School on February 5 and Hill at February 8 before starting postseason play. "Our defensive intensity was terrific. We had pressure all over the place. Overall, we were wiser."

Holup attributed some of that intensity to the mindset of his seniors. "The motivation was the seniors' last home game, I think that's what it came down to," explained Holup. "The start of that fourth quarter could make or break us and we responded in a big way. We have states coming up and this was definitely a big confidence builder. "

Brunone believes the win could propel the Raiders as they head down the home stretch. "We knew that we were better than we showed against Lawrenceville," said Brunone, who is averaging 10.6 points per game. "I think we need to keep up the intensity and grow more each time. We know our potential and that's the key. We have confidence as team."

—Bill Alden

SENIOR DAY: Hun School's Natalie Brunone drives past a Rutgers Prep defender in Hun's 51-43 win over the previously undefeated Knights. Brunone, a senior playing in her last regular season home game, scored 13 points including nine in the last quarter. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

Myslik's Life Celebrated By Overflow Crowd at Hun

As Rob Myslik stood in the bleachers in the Hun School gymnasium on January 7, it was if he had never left the Princeton area for Montana.

Returning to New Jersey for a holiday break, Myslik, who taught English and coached soccer at Hun in the 1990s before heading west, reveled in the madhouse atmosphere of the jampacked gym as the Raiders' boys' basketball team stunned nationally-ranked St. Benedict's.

Myslik, a 1990 graduate of Princeton University and mainstay of the soccer program as a player and later as an assistant coach, then headed over to Jadwin Gym with a posse of his soccer buddies to watch the Tigers men's basketball team dismantle University of Maryland-Baltimore County.

Tragically, 15 days later, Myslik was dead at the age of 34, due to injuries sustained in a car accident as he headed back to his home in Missoula, Montana from a trip to Park City, Utah.

On Sunday, the Hun School gym was packed again, this time charged with emotion of a different kind as Myslik's life was celebrated.

With the reggae beat from the soundtrack from Jimmy Cliff's "The Harder They Come" wafting through the air, many in the gym alternately hugged and laughed as they made their way to their seats. There was a problem, though, as the seating capacity of 800 didn't come close to accommodating the turnout, leaving hundreds to stand in the corners of the building.

The song "Counting on a Miracle" was then performed and for the next few hours, the miracle of Myslik's life became the subject of the day.

The speakers, which included Hun School Headmaster Dr. James M. Byer, Myslik's father, Bob Myslik, a former athletic director at Princeton University, Myslik's mother, Barbara Hauter Woodward, and other relatives and friends, proceeded to recount the qualities that made Myslik unforgettable.

As one speaker noted, Myslik's life could be defined, in part, by words beginning with the three letters "com."

There was the intensely competitive side of Myslik that manifested itself most frequently in his unbridled passion for the game of soccer, his friends explained Sunday. Catching the soccer bug when he was five and living in Milan, Italy, Myslik was always involved in the game in some capacity from that point on.

His playing career saw him distinguish himself at Montgomery High, the Union Lancers club and Princeton. He started playing in adult leagues after college and was well known for his fiery approach in Missoula soccer circles after only having been there for two years.

As a coach, he led Hun to the Prep A state title in 1998 and assisted as Princeton University won an outright Ivy crown in 1999. Myslik guided Hellgate High into the Montana state playoffs this past fall.

Myslik's intensely competitive nature was not limited to soccer, the speakers noted, as he fought tooth and nail to win whether it came to fusbol, trivia contests, sports arguments, word games, or drinking beer. His wife, Sue Bogue, who he married last summer and was at Hun last Sunday, was not spared from his off-pitch competitiveness.

Another key element of Myslik's character was his commitment, which was reflected in his passion for teaching English. Several speakers talked about the energy Myslik brought to reading and writing and his ability to charge a classroom. He had a knack for reaching each student and unlocking their passion for the material he was teaching.

Perhaps the quality that came through the clearest at the celebration was the communicable nature of Myslik's zest for life. This was reflected in the size of the crowd Sunday and the 46-page booklet of remembrances entitled "For Rob" that was prepared for the service.

Then there is the fact that when he got married last summer, a half-dozen former students and many colleagues made the 2,200-mile trek to Montana to be there. There were the former Hun students who followed Myslik into the teaching and coaching profession.

Finally, his last team, the Missoula High soccer squad, decided that upon hearing the tragic news of their coach's death, the most fitting tribute was to break into an impromptu soccer game.

While Myslik will never watch another game in the Hun gym bleachers, it was clear that the people packing that gym Sunday will never forget the impact Myslik made on their lives. **—Bill Alden**

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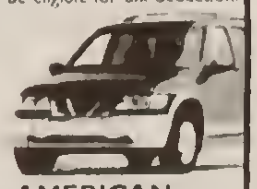

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FORWARD PROGRESS: Princeton University forward Jessica Aitken heads toward the basket in Princeton's recent win over Penn. The Tigers' game against Cornell on February 8 is one of the main events of Princeton's celebration this Saturday of National Girls and Women in Sports Day.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Princeton University Holding Girls, Women in Sports Day

The Princeton University Department of Athletics is celebrating National Girls and Women in Sports Day on February 8 at Jadwin Gym.

The event, which is open to the public, features an interactive sports fair starting at 5:30 p.m. in the main level of Jadwin Gym where various Tiger athletes will host stations at which youths can learn basic skills for a wide range of sports. The day will be capped off by the Princeton women's basketball game against Cornell at 7 p.m.

Last year, the basketball team set an attendance record when it drew 3,067 fans on National Girls and Women in Sports Day. This year marks the 17th annual celebration of the event.

PHS

Girls' Basketball: The Little Tigers fell 66-27 to visiting Hamilton last Saturday. Katie Bliss had nine points to lead PHS which fell to 1-13 with the loss. The Little Tigers will play a home game against Nottingham on February 6 before playing at Hopewell Valley on February 8 and then hosting Allentown on February 11.

Boys' Ice Hockey: Unable to overcome a 7-2 deficit, PHS lost 9-6 to Ewing last Monday at Hamilton Iceland. Jason Diamond had four goals for the Little Tigers, who dropped to 10-6-3. PHS plays Hightstown on February 5 at Mercer County Park and faces WW/P-N on February 10 in a Mercer County tournament game at Hamilton Iceland.

Swimming: PHS swimmers ended the regular season on a high note as both the boys' and girls' teams cruised past Ewing on January 30 at The College of New Jersey. The boys beat Ewing 107-48 to finish the regular season with an unblemished 11-0 mark. The girls' team topped Ewing 112-56 to even their record to 5-5 on the season. The Little Tigers compete in the Mercer County Championships at Lawrence High from February 6-8.

Wrestling: PHS finished 12th of 13 teams in the Mercer County Tournament last weekend. Top individual performers for the Little Tigers at the meet included Alex Schwein, who took fourth at 119 pounds, and Andrew Mahar, the fifth place finisher at 135. The Little Tigers will next be in action when they have a match at Notre Dame on February 8.

LAWRENCEVILLE

Boys' Basketball: Paced by a balanced attack , the Big Red cruised past visiting Mercersburg Academy 74-55 last Saturday.

Lawrenceville, now 15-6, was led by Craig Moore, who had 16 points, while Myke Lattimore added 14, David Whitehurst 13 and John Chiusano 11. The Big Red participate in the PrimeTime Shootout at the Sovereign Bank Arena from February 7-9 before starting postseason play.

Girls' Basketball: Lawrenceville topped visiting Mercersburg Academy 55-38 last Saturday. The Big Red, now 11-4, got 10 points apiece from Kristen Morgan and Chrissy Jones as they put together a 13-4 third quarter that broke the game open. In upcoming action, the Big Red have road games against Rutgers Prep on February 6, McDonogh School on February 8, and Bryn Mawr on February 9 before starting postseason play.

Boys' Ice Hockey: A clutch effort by Christian Read helped the Big Red top visiting Hill School 5-2 last Saturday. Read scored a go-ahead goal and the eventual game winner as Lawrenceville improved to 10-6-1. The Big Red have home games against Wyoming Seminary on February 5, Albany Academy on February 8, and the Boston Bulldogs on February 9.

Girls' Ice Hockey: Falling behind by 3-0 in first period, Lawrenceville couldn't recover as it fell 4-2 to visiting Greenwich Academy last Saturday. The Big Red, now 12-5, got goals from Sarah Miner and Micol Martinelli. Lawrenceville hosts Rye Country Day School on February 8 before starting postseason play.

HUN

Boys' Basketball: Paced by strong games from Nathan Fritsch and Patrick Dwyer, the Raiders topped visiting Germantown Academy 65-56 last Saturday. Fritsch scored 16 points and Dwyer added 15 as Hun improved to 10-7. The Raiders host St. Anthony's on February 5 before road games at the Hill School on February 8 and the Pennington School on February 10

Boys' Ice Hockey: The Raiders lost 4-0 at Pennington School last Saturday to fall to 3-11-2. Hun faces Notre Dame High on February 7 at Hamilton Iceland.

Swimming: Hun fell 103-67 to Montgomery in a coed meet last Monday. Nick Vacca had a strong effort in a losing cause as he won the 200-yard individual medley and the 100 backstroke. The Raiders will compete in the Mercer County championship meet from February 6-8 at Lawrence High before taking part in the state Prep championships at Lawrenceville School on February 11-12.

Wrestling: Hun fell 40-10 at Peddie on January 29 as the Raiders got strong performances from James Jeffries and Scott Wong in a losing cause. Jeffries won his match at 160 pounds by a pin while Wong posted a 12-1 decision in winning his match at 171 pounds.

The Raiders have a road match at Oratory Prep on February 7.

STUART

Basketball: The Tartans lost 65-25 at powerful Rutgers Prep last Monday. Freshman standout Kathryn Kitts had nine points to lead Stuart, which fell to 2-8 in losing to the 18-1 Knights. In upcoming action, the Tartans have a road game at Wardlaw-Hartridge on February 6, a home game against Saddle River on February 8, and a home game with Peddie on February 10.

Ice Hockey: Squandering a 2-0 lead after two periods, Stuart tied 3-3 at Pingry last Saturday. The Tartans, who moved to 5-5-1, got goals from Siobhan McCarty, Sarah Williams, and Erin Weinstock. Stuart plays Grundy on February 8 at the Lawrenceville School rink and Nassau on February 10 at Hamilton Iceland before starting postseason play.

PDS

Boys' Basketball: Despite another productive performance by freshman star Drew Godwin, the Panthers fell to Rutgers Prep 73-53 last Monday. Godwin scored 19 points while Dylan Leith added 13 as PDS fell to 7-9. PDS hosts Wardlaw-Hartridge on February 7 before playing a road game against Peddie on February 10.

Girls' Basketball: Unable to hold onto a halftime edge, PDS fell 46-27 to visiting Hun last Monday. The Panthers took a 20-18 lead into the second half but were then outscored 28-7 in the final 16 minutes. Kathryn Batchelor had eight points to the lead the Panthers, who fell to 4-13. PDS plays at Granville Charter on February 5 before hosting Morristown-Beard on February 10.

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Princeton Youth Travel Basketball Results

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Continuing its recent hot streak, the under-13 boys' travel squad beat West Windsor 48-34 over the weekend. Alexz Henriques poured in 20 points as Princeton won its fourth straight game to improve to 4-3.

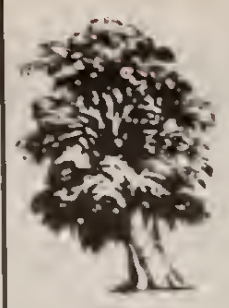
The under-12 boys' travel team cruised past West Windsor 38-18 last weekend. James Mooney scored 10 points to pace Princeton which is now 2-5.

The under-12 girls' travel team edged Upper Makefield 19-14 to improve to 3-4. Nikki Kujawski led Princeton with nine points.

Dillon Youth Basketball February 1 Results

In senior boys' action in the Princeton Recreation Department's Dillon Youth Basketball League last Saturday, Sadya-Nicky's topped Conte's 27-25 on an overtime score by Sam Hayes. Tyler Moni scored nine points and Richie von der Schmidt added seven for the winners while Greg Helson poured in 14 for Conte's. Wegman's cruised past Bon Appetit 39-18, led by Ben Guervil with 14 points and John Mulvey, who added 12.

In senior girls' action, Kelly Curtis scored 14 points to lead New York Sprts Club to a 27-21 win over Princeton Shopping Center. The PBA Lady Vikings rolled past O'Neill's Celtics 33-18 as Lindsay Bublewicz scored 15 points.



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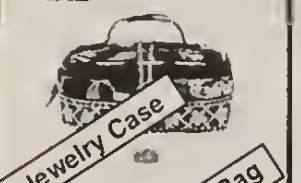

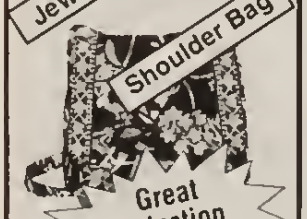

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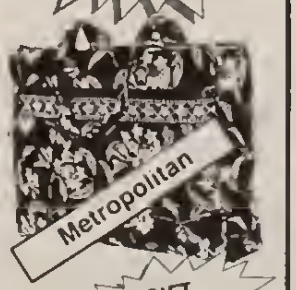

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Date: Saturday, February 15
Time: 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Location: John Witherspoon Middle School, Walnut Lane, Princeton
Speaker: Milton Sharp, Business Manager, "Self Reliance"
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The Peoples Verse Speaking Choir, Ceilia Hodges — Poetry Reading, African drummers, The Anointed Praise Dancers, displays of ethnic culture, refreshments, door prizes and special community presentations will all be a part of this celebration. The Medical Center at Princeton will provide health screenings and information on services.

What You Don't Know Can Hurt You — Cancer Risk and Prevention

Date: Wednesday, February 19
Time: 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Location: Ground Floor Conference Room A, Princeton Hospital
Speaker: Kathryn Robison, MD and Peter Yi, MD
Fee: No fee.
Registration Required. Call 609-497-4480

General recommendations for cancer screening will be reviewed. Hereditary/genetic factors will also be discussed.

Snoring and Sleep Disorders

Date: Wednesday, February 19
Time: 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Location: Ground Floor Conference Room B, Princeton Hospital
Speaker: David Goldfarb, DO
Fee: No fee.
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If you or someone you love snores or has extremely fragmented sleep, attend this seminar and learn the symptoms of sleep apnea. Dr. Goldfarb will also review new treatments for snoring and obstructive sleep apnea.

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Date: Saturday, February 22
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Smallpox — Understanding the Facts

Date: Tuesday, February 25
Time: 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Location: Ground Floor Conference Room A & B, Princeton Hospital
Speaker: David J. Herman, MD, FACP
Fee: Nn fee.
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OBITUARIES

Orville A. Petty II

Orville A. Petty II, 87, of Princeton, died January 29 at The Pavilions at Forrestal in Princeton. He was a former senior group vice-president and director of Lenox Inc., and had lived in Princeton for more than 40 years.

Born and raised in Philadelphia, he was the son of the late Dr. Orlando Petty, a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor for gallantry in action in France during World War I.

He graduated from William Penn Charter School in Philadelphia in 1932, and the University of Pennsylvania in 1936. During World War II, he served as executive assistant to the chief of ordinance at the Pentagon, achieving the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Army before his discharge in 1946.

From 1960 until 1980, he led marketing activities for Lenox, expanding the product line and introducing Lenox to markets outside the U.S. Before joining Lenox, he was executive vice president and a director of Schick, Inc., in Lancaster, Pa.

He was a charter member of the Bedens Brook Club, and a member of the Nassau Club, Nassau Gun Club, and Princeton Old Guard. He had served on the vestry of Trinity Church and was a life member of the Sons of the Revolution, Pennsylvania Society.

Predeceased in 2001 by his son, 0. Anderson III of Princeton, he is survived by his wife of 62 years, the former Jessie Elizabeth "Betsy" Nelms; a daughter, Gail Petty Riepe of Cockeysville, Md.; a sister, Clara Bristor of Vero Beach, Fla.; and four grandchildren.

A funeral service was held February 1 at Trinity Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Medical Center at Princeton, 253 Witherspoon Street, Princeton 08540; or to University of Pennsylvania, 0. Anderson Petty III Endowed Scholarship, 627 Franklin Building, Philadelphia, Pa. 19104.

Arrangements were by the Mather-Hodge funeral home.

Edward I. Fischer

Edward I. Fischer, 81, of Rocky Hill, died January 27 at the Medical Center at Princeton, of complications from melanoma.

Born in Philadelphia, he was a long-time resident of Princeton before moving to Rocky Hill several years ago.

The youngest of eight children of Russian Jewish immigrants, he was two years old when his mother died. He was then raised in foster care in Brooklyn by Eli and Walter Lewins. His foster mother spent her last years in Princeton.

He interrupted his studies at Brooklyn College to work as a ship and shop electrician at Pearl Harbor following the attack in 1941. He then enlisted in the Army Air Force, serving as a radio operator and technical sergeant. He earned the Distinguished Flying Cross after flying 300 hours in the China-Burma-India theatre.

Following World War II, he studied engineering at the University of Southern California. After graduation he earned a master's in engineering management from Drexel University.

He worked in the fields of electrical, plant, and construction engineering for Western Electric, AT&T Bell Labs, Kendall Development Company, and the Hillier Group. After retiring from Bell Labs, he started his own construction engineering consulting company, where he continued to work until September, 2002.

He is survived by his wife, Rita; his daughters, Susan Alice Fischer of New York, and Judith Oakley of Rocky Hill; his son, David, of Milan, Italy; a sister, Lillian Smilowitz, of Florida; and four grandchildren.

Burial in Princeton Cemetery was private. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be sent to Habitat for Humanity.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Kimble Funeral Home.

John J. Amorosa

John J. Amorosa, 96, of Lawrenceville, died January 28 at the Medical Center at Princeton.

Born and raised in Raritan, he moved to Lawrenceville in 1953 after his marriage to Mary Castronava of Trenton.

He worked for 50 years for the Jersey Central Railroad, retiring in 1971.

In 1992, at the age of 86, he survived complicated heart surgery.

He was predeceased by his wife; his brothers Louis, Dominick, and Carmine; and his sister Maggie. Although he had no children, he served as the patriarch for many years of a large family comprising the children and grandchildren of his sister, three brothers and cousins.

He was a member of the Church of St. Ann in Lawrenceville, and, until 1981, of the Knights of Columbus, Lawrence Council No. 7000.

The funeral was January 31 at the Poulson & Van Hise funeral home in Lawrenceville. A mass of Christian burial was celebrated at the Church of St. Ann. Burial was at St. Bernard's Cemetery in Bridgewater.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Memorial Fund at the Medical Center at Princeton, Foundation Department, 253 Witherspoon Street, Princeton 08540.

David E. Morse

David Edward Morse, 73, of Princeton, died January 31 at Easton Hospital in Wilson Borough, Pa. He was the associate director of planning at Princeton University until his retirement in 1992.

Born in Clarks Summit, Pa., he was a graduate of Nazareth High School and Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, N.Y.

He served as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force.

He was an avid golfer.

Predeceased by his parents, Edward D. and Bessie F. Morse, he is survived by his wife, Philece, and two daughters, Melissa Morse of Litchfield, Conn., and Laurie Morse of Bridgewater.

The funeral will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania, Constitution Place, Suite 1120, 325 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19106.

Arrangements were by the Schmidt Funeral Home, Nazareth, Pa.

Mahesh A. Shah

Mahesh Amritlal Shah, 59, of West Windsor, died January 27 at the Medical Center at Princeton.

Born in Bombay, India, he lived in West Windsor for the past 15 years and was an active member of the community.

He was a financial planner for the Professional Economic Growth Group in Edison.

He is survived by his wive, Ranjana; a son, Bobby; a daughter, Anjali; and eight brothers and sisters.

The funeral service was January 29 at Franklin Memorial Park, North Brunswick, under the direction of Cremation Services of Central New Jersey.

Barbara W. Ellis

Barbara W. Ellis, 79, of Princeton Junction, died February 2 at The Medical Center at Princeton. She had been a lifelong resident of Princeton.

Following her retirement in 1993 from Base-Ten Systems in Hamilton, after 12 years of service, she worked for West Windsor-Plainsboro Schools Transportation Department for six years.

She was predeceased by her husband Billie, her brothers Harold Wilson and Joseph Wilson, and her sister Mabel Stalcup. She is survived by two sons, Garry of Browns Mill, and Robert of Mercerville; a daughter, Sally Dee Ellis, of Charlotte, N.C.; a brother, Norman Wilson, of Santa Rosa, Calif.; two sisters, Ethel Traegler, of Princeton, and Gert Cupples, of Hamilton Square; and three grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on February 7 at the Mather-Hodge Funeral Home, 40 Vandeventer Avenue, Princeton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Joseph P. Kearns

Joseph Paul Kearns, 88, of Princeton, died February 2. He had been a resident of Princeton since 1957.

Born in Plymouth, Pa., he attended St. Vincent's High School in Plymouth, and Wyoming Seminary Business School in Wyoming, Pa.

A sales executive for National Cash Register in New Brunswick and Trenton, he retired after 30 years. He then worked with Merrill Lynch in the reception and security areas for 12 years before retiring again in April, 2002.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving from 1942 to 1945.

He was a former member of Springdale Country Club.

Pre-deceased by his first wife, Annette, he is survived by his children from his first marriage, Timothy and Carole of Somerville, Joseph of Kingston, Bonnie Baker of Princeton, and Barbara Carson of Laguna Nigel, Calif.; his wife, Mary-Louise; her children, Anthony Zega of Princeton, and Alexandra Kekalos of New York City; five grandchildren; and one great grandson.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held February 5 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Paul Church. Burial will follow at St. Paul Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the hospice program at the Medical Center at Princeton, 208 Bunn Drive, Princeton 08540; or to Home Healthcare of St. Paul Church, 214 Nassau Street, Princeton 08542.

Arrangements were by the Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Helga Neuhauser

Helga Neuhauser, 79, of Princeton, died January 29 at the Princeton Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center, following a long illness.

Born in Blankanese, Germany, she immigrated with her mother in 1924 to the United States. She settled in Farmington, Conn., and lived there for most of her life before moving to Princeton in 2001.

After graduating from the St. Agnes Home Training School in West Hartford, Conn., she worked as a pediatric nurse.

She was an avid gardener and traveler, and a lifelong member of the First Church of Christ, Congregational, in Farmington. She also performed volunteer work for her church and was a driver for Meals on Wheels with her late husband.

Daughter of the late Frieda and Friedrich Schwardt and wife of the late Henry Neuhauser, she is survived by a daughter, Sharon Lasbury of Princeton Junction, and two grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 15, in the Meeting House of First Church of Christ Congregational in Farmington, with the Reverend Ned Edwards officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 2550 Route 1 North, North Brunswick 08902; or to the First Church of Christ, Congregational, 75 Main Street, Farmington, Conn. 06032.

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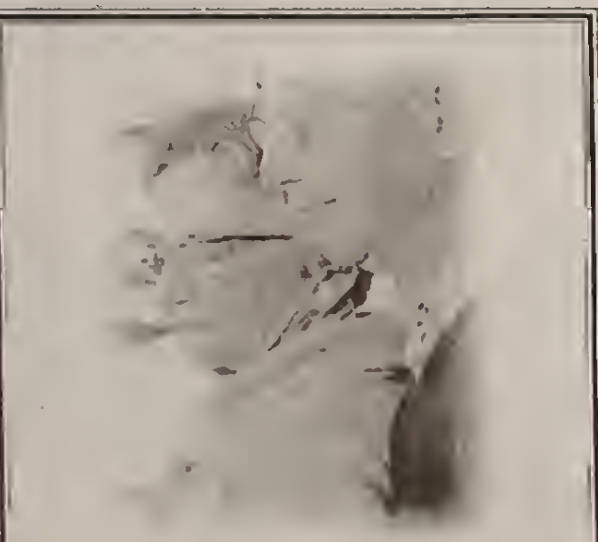

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Obituaries

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Kurt R. Maurer

Kurt R. Maurer, 37, of Princeton, died January 29 at The Medical Center at Princeton.

Born in Morristown, he graduated from Morristown High School and Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

For the past five years he was an account development manager for Herman Miller, Inc., in New York City. Previously, he was employed by KSS Architects in Princeton. He was a member of the American Society of Interior Designers and the International Interior Design Association.

He was an avid gardener and a cooking enthuslast.

He is survived by his wife, Sherry; his parents, Robert J. and Irene T. Maurer of Morristown; a brother, Eric of Springfield; and a sister, Kim Maurer of New York City.

The funeral service was February 3 at Trinity Church, followed by burial at Princeton Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Princeton Public Library, 301 North Harrison Street, Princeton 08540.

Arrangements were by the Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Memorial Service

A service ol commemoration, open to the public, will be held on Wednesday, February 5 at 4 p.m. in the Princeton University Chapel for Richard Jeffrey, emeritus professor of philosophy. The service will be followed by a reception at Prospect House.

RELIGION

Sermon Will Launch Black History Month

Dr. Katie Geneva Cannon, a noted womanist scholar and the first African American woman ordained to ministry in the Presbyterian Church (USA), will preach at Princeton Theological Seminary on Thursday, February 6 at 7 p.m. to kick off the institution's celebration of Black History Month. Her sermon is titled "A Montage of Mercy."

Dr. Cannon, the Annie Scales Rogers Professor of Christian Ethics at Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, Va., is known for her work on womanist ethics, and the place of women in the Black community and in the church.

She has written *Katie's Canon: Womanism and the Soul of the Black Community, God's Fierce Whimsy: The Implications of Feminism for Theological Education*, and a chapter called "Surviving the Blight" in *Inheriting Our Mothers Gardens: Feminist Theology in Third World Perspective.*

Dr. Cannon earned her Ph.D. from Union Theological Seminary in New York City and formerly taught at Temple University in Philadelphia and at Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Mass. She speaks across the country and the world, and represented the Presbyterian Church at the All Africa Council of Churches at its 1997 meeting in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

She is presently convener of the Womanist in Religion and Society Consultation for the American Academy of Religion.

The service is open to the public. For more information, call (609) 497-7760.

Bulletin Notes

Why don't Jews hold a wake for the deceased? Why does Jewish tradition require mourning family members to wear a black ribbon? These and many other provocative questions will be answered by Mercer County Chaplain Laurie Kurs at **Congregation Beth Chaim**, 329 Village Road East, Princeton Junction, on Thursday, February 6 beginning at 7 p.m.

Her talk at Beth Chaim is part of her series of lectures, titled "The Jewish Way in Death and Mourning," which she launched last year. The lecture is open to the public. A $5 donation is requested. For more information, call (609) 799-9401.

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Professionals Help to Make the Wedding Day "An Affair to Remember"

It's in the air! And it's universal. It affects people of all ages, all life-styles, all backgrounds. No one seems to be immune.

It's wedding fever! Marriage is definitely in, and according to those in the know — florists, caterers, wedding planners and the like — weddings are more popular than ever. These professionals are all booked well in advance, so there is no time like the present to set a date and get things underway.

"People should contact me three to six months ahead," says Adriene Presti, AIFD (American Institute of Floral Designers), owner of Dahlia, the florist shop in Pennington. "We book very quickly. For example, we are already filling up for May and June."

Mary Harrison, wedding planner and owner of Euphorbia gift shop in Lawrenceville, agrees, although she points out that some brides wait until the last minute, when they begin to feel overwhelmed.

"Some call when they're just engaged. Others will call a month before the wedding. At that point, I am able to help with putting together last minute things, and I will always try to do it if I am free. But a longer planning time is really better."

Bride-to-be Robbie Nelson, owner of Princeton's long-time Nelson Glass & Aluminum Co., the family business established by her father, Robert Nelson, points out that it's very important to line up locations both for the ceremony and reception well ahead, especially if the bride has her heart set on a special place.

Meaningful Setting

"We'll be married October 4, with the reception at the Prallsville Mill in Stockton. It's an old grist mill on the Register of Historic Places, on the Delaware River and the Delaware & Raritan Canal. It's just a beautiful place, a meaningful setting for us. It's in the country, and we both love the water. We always wanted to have the reception there, and the dates fill up very fast."

Ms. Nelson, whose fiancee is Roy Fennimore, is being married for the second time, and more experienced in the ways of weddings, she is basically planning the event herself.

"I felt the first wedding was my mother's party. I think this will by my party — and of course, I'm paying for it!" she says, with a smile.

She wants to keep it simple, she adds, but even a "simple" wedding entails a great deal of planning and organization. She has hired Chambers Walk Catering, which will handle many of the details and logistics.

"They have worked at the Mill before, and in addition to the food, they will do almost everything — bring linens, tables and chairs, utensils, glassware, set up the bar, and also take care of liability insurance for liquor. They also bring a full serving staff."

Ms. Nelson, who is also a professional singer and has had her own band, has arranged for the music herself. "I have contacted a wedding orchestra that I used to sing with. I'll sing a couple of songs at the wedding, maybe Cole Porter music, which I especially like. I've sung professionally for so long, I think I can probably pull it off!"

She and Mr. Fennimore are writing their own vows for the ceremony, and she will be attended by her oldest niece, who will be maid-of-honor.

A cocktail reception and sit-down dinner are planned for the approximately 100 to 125 guests (still being finalized), she adds. "We'll have a cocktail hour on the canal, and probably a meat choice and fish choice for the dinner. I haven't decided yet — but the cake will be chocolate!

"Also, I'll get a florist for the centerpiece, but my sister Kristin, who has Stony Brook Gardens, will probably handle many of the other floral decorations. I'm looking into invitations, and I also want them to be simple. We'll have a photographer, but again, nothing elaborate."

Calm and Collected

Whether to register for gifts is yet to be decided, although she notes that is a way for guests to learn of the bride's taste.

Ms. Nelson is remarkably calm and collected, and points outs that the October date is still eight months away. "I feel I have all the time in the world — except that I do plan to lose 20 pounds! Maybe later, I'll have someone to help me with the final details, but right now, I'm really enjoying this time. I'm relaxed, and I'm sure I will enjoy my party."

To ensure that all brides enjoy their party is the goal of Mary Harrison. "I've been planning weddings in different capacities for 14 years," she says. "I worked at Prospect House at Princeton University planning special events, and for caterers in the area."

As a wedding planner, she can do as much or as little as the bride wishes. In many cases, she really coordinates the entire event, always with the aim of relieving the bride of stress and strain.

Organizational Skills

"My primary job is to make sure the bride is happy and is untouched by all the difficulties. They have hired me to make sure that everything runs smoothly, and the challenge

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STANDING TALL AND PROUD: A creative rose topiary sets the stage for a perfect wedding day. Photo courtesy of dahlia, Pennington.

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every time is to make sure that happens."

And that means paying close attention to every detail and having exceptional organizational skills. In a typical full-scale assignment, she will be responsible for all orchestration and planning. She will arrange for locations both for ceremony and reception, caterers, cake, florists, lighting, musicians, invitations, tents, photography, videography, rentals (including tuxedo), limousines and valet parking, hotel rooms for out-of-town guests, and in addition, keep track of bills.

Ms. Harrison can also arrange for hair and make-up appointments for the bridal party, as well as oversee the rehearsal, rehearsal dinner, bridal luncheon, and brunch the morning after the wedding.

Clients may not opt for all of these services, but they are available.

Initially, clients often come to Euphorbia to see photographs, invitation samples, etc., she notes. "The store dovetails with the wedding work. I am just about to open a wedding studio here, where everything will be consolidated. It will be a good resource for people. It's good for them to come here, too, because the store is like a big portfolio.

"I especially love meeting with the people," she continues. "It's so optimistic, such a happy time. And after we talk, they'll say, 'Oh, I feel so much better' — and I haven't even done anything yet! But it's as if I said, 'Have a nice weekend. I'll take care of you.'"

Fax or E-mail

Ms. Harrison notes that most of the brides are from out-of-town, many from Manhattan. "Frequently, they went to school here and want to be married here. Their location is not a problem because so much can be done with fax or e-mail now, and I can scan pictures or take digital photos."

Many brides come prepared, she adds, and will usually have decided on a dress, and some have done a web search or chosen photos they liked from magazines.

"Most have a binder with materials relating to all the different wedding categories. Then, our job is to work within the budget and get things underway."

Grooms are often involved, too, says Ms. Harrison. "Sometimes I have actually talked to the groom more than the bride, and they were the ones to seek me out. But generally, they're being supportive."

Weddings can typically cost from $35,000 to $65,000, she reports, and it is helpful to have a professional to prevent mistakes.

For example, she points out, "People often think if they have the wedding in their backyard or in a field, it will be less expensive. But that's not true. It's less expensive in a hotel because they have everything — the space, dinnerware, caterers, dance floor, etc., as well as catering manager. If you have it outside, you have to rent everything, including a tent."

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RIDING IN STYLE: A horse drawn carriage carries the bride to her summer wedding. Photo courtesy of Hunterdon Coach & Wagon.

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90 percent of Ms. Harrison's work is outside, she notes, and this involves the entire spectrum of details. After the initial consultation, she will send a proposal and a check list, so clients can specifically identify the areas in which they want help.

This often includes invitations, and there are many choices available today beyond the traditional black ink on ecru. Letterpress is becoming increasingly popular, as are "Save the Date" cards.

"People are so busy now that the bride and groom want guests to know the date far ahead.

"In the beginning," she continues, "we meet once or twice over the year. You don't need to see them that often at that point. Then, two and a half or three months before, we work on the logistics. We have to know who is doing what. A month ahead, we get everything tightened up and plan how everyone does what the bride wants."

Just before the wedding, Ms. Harrison puts together a time-line for the bride, including nearly every detail of the wedding day — "8 a.m., eat breakfast; 8:30, bride and bridesmaids for hair appointment; 12, eat lunch."

"Sometimes, brides forget to eat, then get light-headed during the wedding," says Ms. Harrison.

"I schedule everything for the whole weekend — who's picking up whom, when the caterers come, is the photographer there? the trumpeter? I'm the errand-runner, and I am always prepared. I bring an ironing board from my house, just in case."

Also, she reports, anything can happen. There are always those unforeseen events beyond one's control. "One time at an outdoor wedding, the bride was getting ready to walk down the aisle, and two big dogs arrived out of nowhere and started running all over. We had to chase them away.

Different Personalities

"I'm busier than ever now," she adds. "I think more people are aware of wedding planners today, and they appreciate professional help. I like the challenge, too. You're always dealing with different personalities."

"Every bride is different," agrees Adriene Presti. "We customize everything for each wedding. Dahlia is a retail store, but weddings are our specialty. We do them year-round, but spring, summer and fall are the busiest.

"We handle the flowers for everything," she explains. "The ceremony and reception, the wedding party, parents, decorating the tent with garlands and lighting and also decorating cakes with fresh flowers, fruit, and ribbons. It goes on and on."

Weddings and receptions are in all different styles today, she adds. "We do a lot of tent weddings, and also a fot of huppas (the canopy often used in Jewish weddings). The floral decorations reflect and enhance the individual theme.

"Today, the flowers and theme tend to be more sophisticated but in a relaxed way. Generally, more of a sophisticated garden look is popular for receptions now. Girls are wearing simpler dresses, not quite as traditional. Flowers are a little more tailored. For the ceremony, brides may have a bouquet of miniature calla lilies or maybe all French tulips. The trend is hand-tied bouquets, a gathered look, not the traditional cascade. Bridesmaids will have similar flowers in different colors.

"Bouquets can often be a mixture of soft spring flowers, and then we will also incorporate the same type of look throughout the reception. Also, a lot of brides now like to use unusual things, like herbs and fruit. Sometimes, we will work with the colors of the room."

First Consultation

Brides usually have decided on their dress and location when they contact Ms. Presti. "A lot come prepared with pictures of things they like, and this makes my job easier. I can see what their taste is. We will usually start with what they will be wearing and want to carry. At the first consultation, they should have the date, swatches, and location."

When clients come to her Pennington location, they are in for a treat. The charming shop is reminiscent of a garden setting, even featuring a pond with fish.

The first consultation is free, she adds, and then a small deposit is required if they proceed with the project. "The first consultation is important — making sure there is a connection and getting the ideas started. Then, I will send a proposal.

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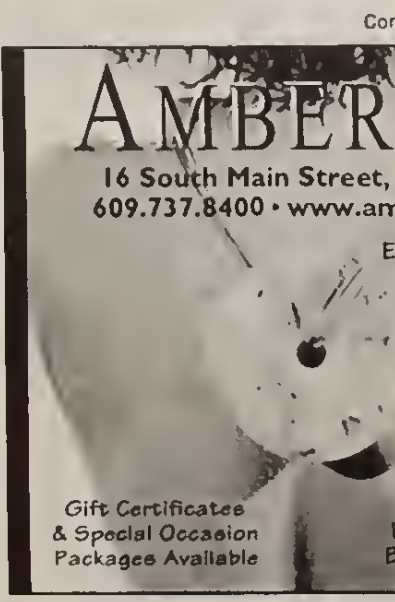

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The History Of Wedding Traditions

Setting The Date
The month of June, named after Juno, the Roman goddess of love and marriage was thought to be the ideal month to get married.
Also, June's warm summer sun has an association with fertility.
According to this famous old rhyme,
Saturday was considered an unlucky day to get married:
Monday for wealth
Tuesday for health
Wednesday the best day of all
Thursday for losses
Friday for crosses
Saturday for no luck at all

Bridal Shower
The Shower started as an alternative to the dowry.
In the 1890's, friends and family put small gifts in parasols that were opened over the bride's head.

Wedding Ring
In ancient Rome, a gold band came to symbolize everlasting love and commitment in marriage.
Roman wedding rings were carved with two clasped hands and sometimes had a carved key through which a woman was thought to be able to open her husband's heart.
In 3rd century Greece, they believed that the third finger (or wedding ring finger) was connected directly to the heart by a route that was called the vein of love.

Bridal Veil
Ancient Greek and Roman brides wore yellow or red veils (representing fire) to ward off evil spirits and demons.
In early European history, with the advent of arranged marriages, veils served another purpose — to prevent the groom from seeing the brides' face until after the ceremony was over.

White Wedding Gown
Originally, a bride wore her best dress of any color to her wedding.
In the sixteenth century this changed when Queen Victoria wore white instead of silver which was the traditional color of royal brides.
Thereafter, white wedding gowns became a popular symbol of affluence, purity, joy and maidenhood.

Flowers
Historically, certain flowers and herbs were believed to attract good and others ward off evil.
The tradition of a groom wearing a flower on his lapel goes back to medieval times when knights in tournaments wore flowers from their ladies.

Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed and Something Blue...
This rhyme originated in Victorian times. To insure a happy and lasting marriage, the rhyme suggests a bride should carry something old from someone who has been married for a long time and something new, to carry into her new life.
Something borrowed represents borrowed happiness.
Something blue has been associated with purity and modesty.
A sixpence (today a penny) was placed in the shoe to bring the couple wealth in their marriage.

The Kiss
In Ancient Rome, a kiss was used as a formal seal to many different types of contracts including to seal marriage vows.

Wedding Cake
Tiered wedding cakes originated in the middle ages when guests would often bring small cakes that would be stacked on top of each other.
The bride and groom would try to kiss over the cakes without toppling them for luck and prosperity.
Eventually, the cakes were all covered with the same white icing.
The whiteness of the cake was a sign not of the bride's purity, but of the sugar's. The whiter the icing, the more expensive the cake.

Tossing The Bridal Bouquet And Garter
During medieval times, wedding guests would follow the couple back to their room and try to grab the bride's garter or tear a piece of her dress.
Women wanted a piece of the dress for good luck in finding their own groom.
Men wanted the bride's garter to give to a woman which guaranteed her faithfulness.

Throwing Rice
In various parts of the world, rice has been the symbol of fertility and a wish for a full pantry.
In the past, wheat, instead of rice was thrown in France, figs and dates were thrown in Northern Africa, and a combination of coins, dried fruit, and candy was thrown in Italy.

Shoes Attached To The Wedding Car
This tradition originated in England during the Tudor period.
Guests would throw shoes at the bride and groom as they left in their carriage.
It was considered good luck if their carriage was hit.

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to the wedding, we'll do a sample centerpiece. It has to be near the date because of the need for seasonal flowers. I buy direct from Holland, and also get antique roses from California. We firm up things then too. Then, two weeks prior to the wedding, we'll get the table count and payment in full.".

Ms. Presti also works with wedding planners, and her imaginative designs have been featured in major magazines. In addition, she was on the Presidential Inaugural Ball design team for President George W. Bush.

Her wedding assignments have included a variety of ethnic and cultural focuses. She has designed floral arrangements for Hindu, African, Jewish, Christian and non-religious ceremonies.

Wiccan Wedding

"I also did a Wiccan wedding in a field in Pennsylvania," she reports. "They had a Renaissance theme, and guests came in costume. There was a high priestess, and red roses, herbs, feathers, and shells were all incorporated into the decorations.

"In another wedding, the bride carried a wand of flowers, and one time, I decorated a Jeep with flowers for the couple's "getaway" car.

"I like doing weddings most of all," says Ms. Presti, who also has a background in interior design. "It's fun to be part of someone's special event. I like creating the whole fantasy about it. It's magical. We're creating a special atmosphere. We're creating memories."

Indeed. Despite the stresses and strain, and the myriad of details leading up to the big day, most brides really do consider it "An Affair to Remember."

As Robbie Nelson points out, "I'm doing this to celebrate my love for the man I'm going to spend the rest of my life with, and I want to share the occasion with those close to me. When you are so in love, you look forward to the wedding, when it all comes together, sharing it with all those important to you.

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Wedding Cake Couture

February is one of the busiest planning months for weddings in the Princeton area, according to Ann Bartholomay, president of Annie B's Confections of Newtown, PA. "Winter is the time when spring and summer brides will make their wedding cake selections" said Ms. Bartholomay. Her staff of wedding cake specialists is already hard at work creating the new seasonal line of couture confections.

This year, wedding couples have a glorious range of styles, flavors and a new palette of colors to choose from when designing the perfect cake for the coming wedding season. In addition to the company's collection of classic, contemporary and custom wedding cakes, Annie B's Confections is introducing a special line of seasonal cake designs.

Miniature Fondant Cakes. These artisan confections may be created individually for each guest or displayed as centerpieces for every table. Each duplicates a full-size wedding cake in appearance, only in miniature.

Textured Fondant Tower. Taller and thinner than traditional wedding cakes, this graduated cake tower is adorned with rolled fondant and embossed with a lace pattern that may be dusted to match wedding colors.

Sunflower Cake. Fresh mini sunflowers grace the sides of these graduated butter cream tiers. A round-tip basket weave pattern embellishes the tiers, which are separated by hidden supports to create an illusion of "floating" layers.

Crunch-coated Butter Cream. Bride's choice: toasted nuts or white chocolate flakes give this multi-tiered cake an extraordinary visual texture with a delicious taste. An optional band of satin ribbon may be placed at the base of each layer.

Autumn Cascade. A picturesque basket weave cake is adorned with a cascade of marzipan grapes, hydrangea flowers, and fall-tinted gum paste roses.

Trellis Cake. Tiny marzipan bees light gracefully on fondant (or butter cream) icing textured with a delicate trellis design on alternating layers. Ivy vines, fall colored roses and leaves climb the trelliswork.

Jewel Bouquet. A bright collection of jewel-toned butter cream roses, chrysanthemums and pansies cascade over a decadent butter cream cake.

Fondant Gift Box Cake. Five decorative cake layers are stacked as gift boxes, each with a unique tinted pastel fondant pattern. Icings and trims include pale greens, yellows, peaches and super-pearl bows.

Nouveau Ribbons & Bows. Dotted Swiss and Cornelli butter creams are paired with a large fondant bow on top. Wide tinted streamers swirl down four sides, with ribbons around each tier. Ribbons, streamers, and bow colors are designed to match wedding colors.

In addition to Annie B's popular wedding cake flavors, there are three new ones being featured this season. They are: chocolate cake with chocolate mousse and caramel, carrot cake with walnuts, raisins, and almond marzipan filling and chocolate cake with a rich layer of amaretto cheesecake.

Bartholomay is the proud recipient of the Modern Baking Magazine 2002 "Commitment to Quality" award. Her artisan bakeshop's cakes and desserts have been featured on The Food Network, NBC-10, and WHYY-TV. Her products have also been highlighted by food columnist Marion Burros in The New York Times, in addition to being featured in such popular specialty catalogs as Dean & Deluca and Nieman Marcus.

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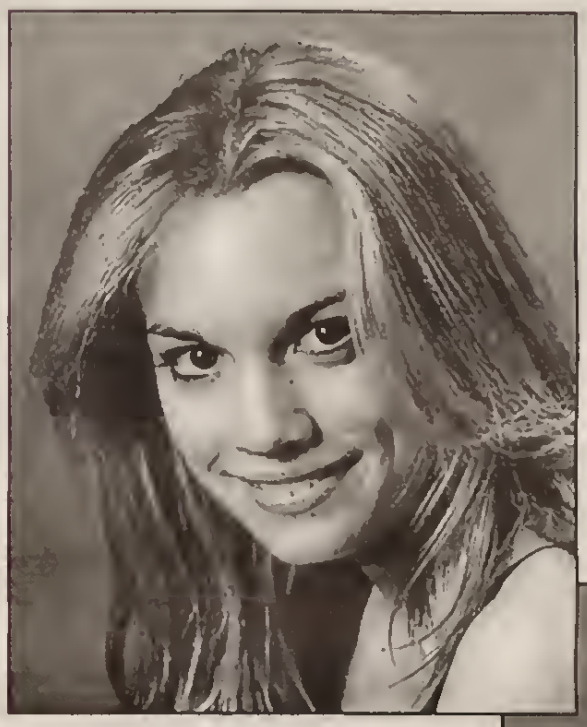

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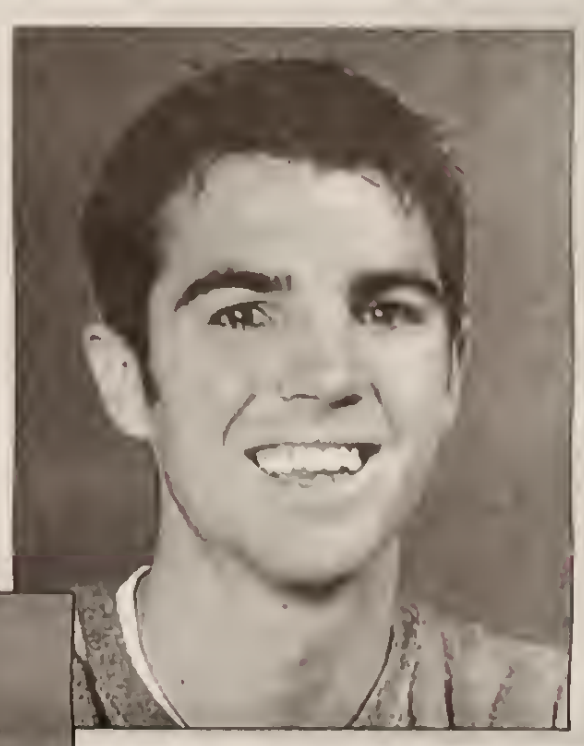

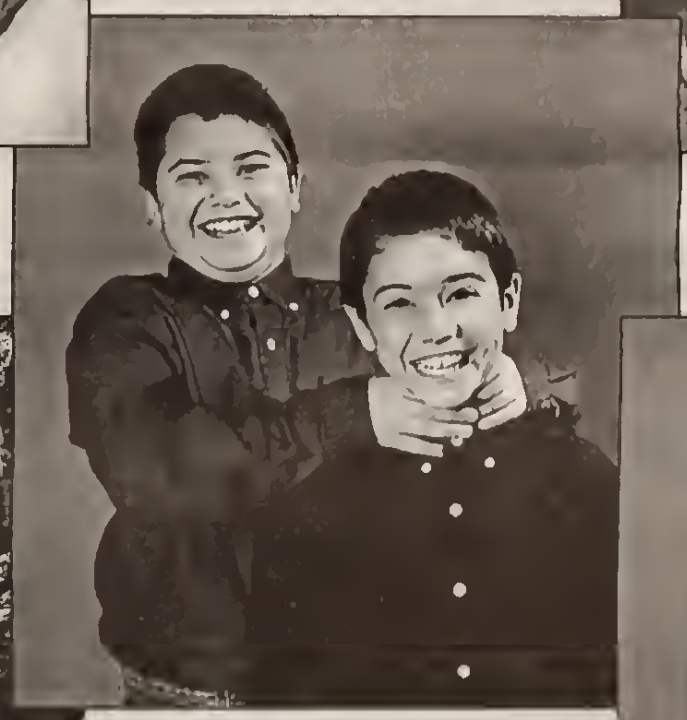

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Fun Bridal Showers

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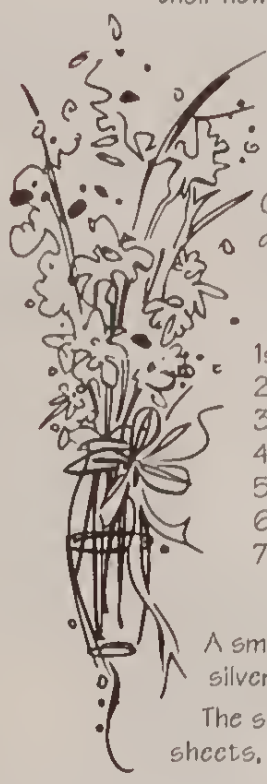

The new trend in showers are theme parties. Lingerie showers, kitchen, bath, garden, entertainment... the possibilities are endless.

Traditionally, each wedding anniversary corresponds to a gift made of a specific material. One idea for a shower is to assign each guest a different anniversary and they will select a gift made of the material relating to that year.

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7th Wool	14th Crystal	21st Diamond

For example, the 15th anniversary is silver. A small silver picture frame, sterling silver jewelry or silver plate salt and pepper shakers would be ideal.

The second anniversary is cotton. Egyptian cotton sheets, a colorful cotton beach bag or monogrammed bath towels would all be acceptable.

The fifth anniversary is wood. A wooden kitchen chopping block, a croquet set or a bird house would fun and appropriate.

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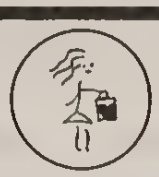

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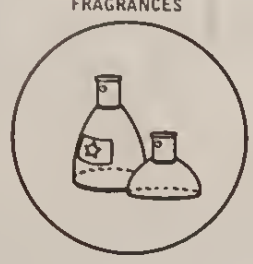

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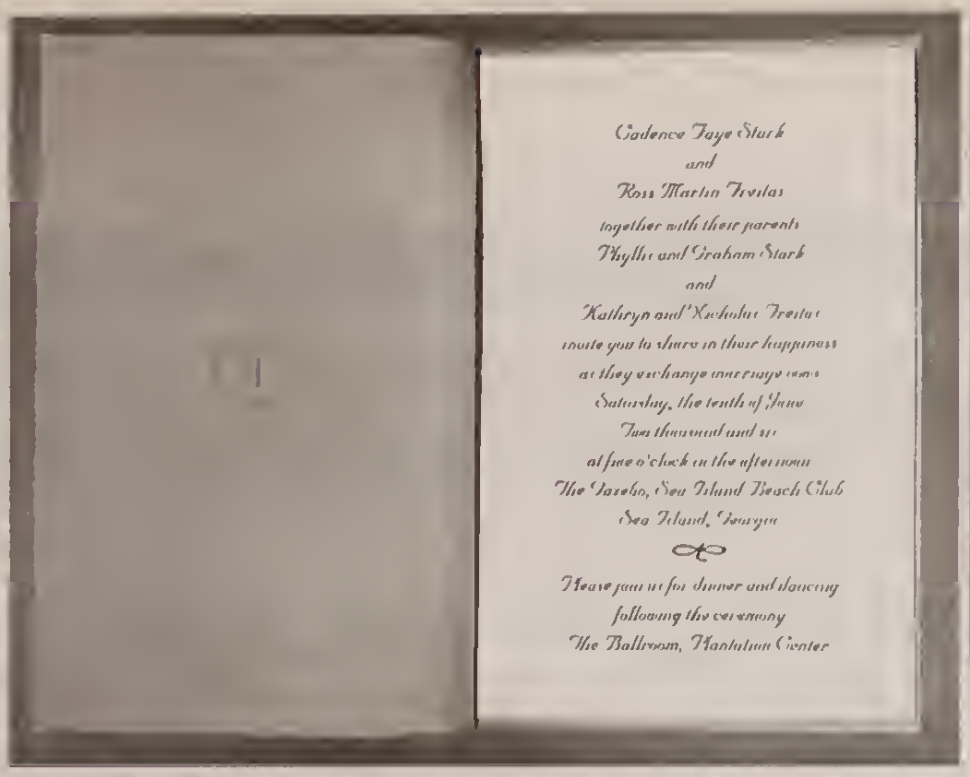
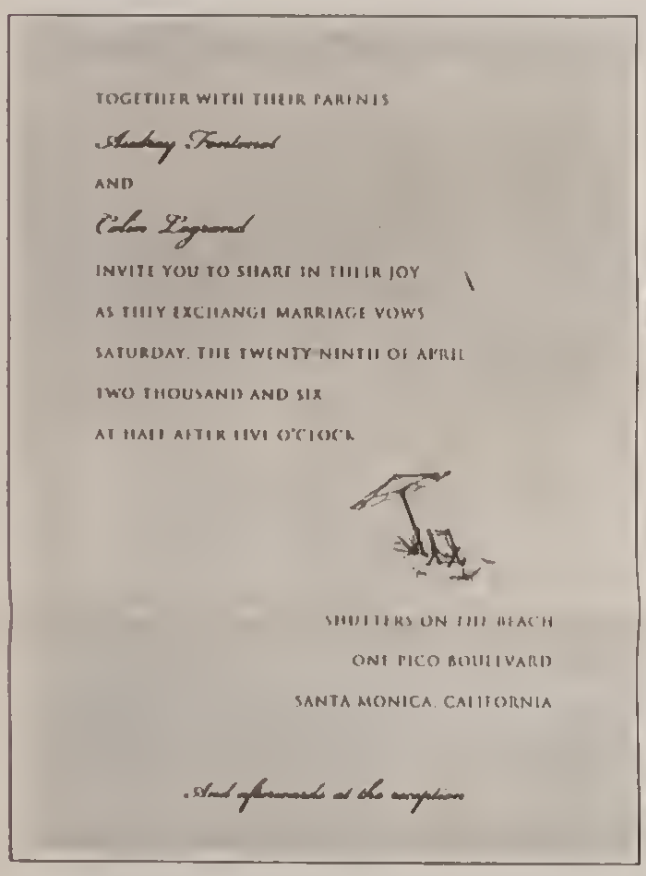
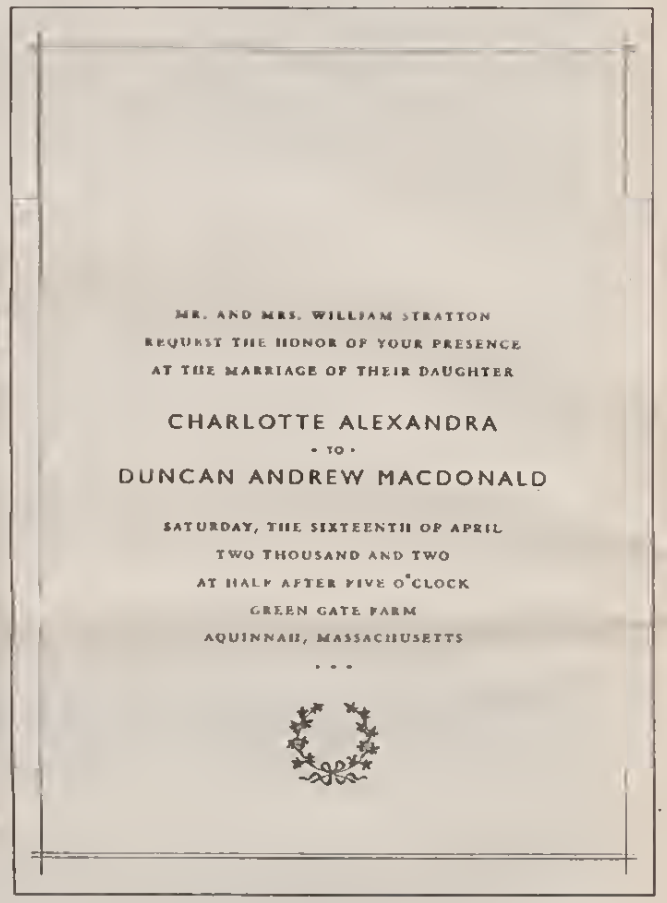


ELEGANT INVITATIONS: Soft hues, subtle textures, and delicate ribbons reflect today's trends in invitations. Samples provided by Euphorbia.

PERFECT TOUCH: A mix of white, red, and pink roses surround a tiered wedding cake bearing the initials of the bride and groom. Floral arrangements and photo courtesy of dahlia, Pennington.





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HONEYMOON BOUND: The long walk through life begins hand in hand. Photo courtesy of Casual Candids, Joyce Heisen.

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The passed food was served on silver trays,
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Flutes of Champagne with Raspberries on dining room table

Hot and Cold Hors d'Oeuvres

Stationary Items

Miniature Veal Meatballs in a Sour Cream Dill Sauce

Fresh Crudite served with a Caramelized Onion Companion Dip

Cold Sushi Selection to include:
Tuna Rolls, California Rolls, Scallop & Avocado Rolls, Chef Rolls, Hawaiian Rolls, Alaskan Rolls and Classic Rolls served with Ginger and Mustard

Assorted Spread Selection including:
Goat and Red Pepper Cheese, Blue Cheese, Spinach and Walnut Spread, Hummus and Caponnata served with Crackers, Breads and Pita

Smoked Salmon and Smoked Trout Platters
served with Traditional Accompaniments to include a Dill Sauce, Capers, Red Onions, Finely Chopped Egg and Pumpernickel Toasts

Passed Items

Sliced Duck Breast on Crostini
served with Blue Cheese and a Black Currant Demi-Glace

Bourbon Barbecue Chicken Bites wrapped in Bacon
served with Mint Julep Dipping Sauce

Scallops Wrapped in Prosciutto
served with a Tropical Mango Puree

Thai Peanut Chicken

Pigs in the Blanket served with Dipping Mustard
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The how-did-you-meet story of Tammy and Hikmat Hojeibane is told with a good bit of wonder and a lot of humor.

The Adams Drive couple met while waiting in a checkout line of a Bradlees store in North Brunswick.

"He was with a friend and I was behind them," Ms. Hojeibane said. "They were talking in Arabic, and I began to get the feeling they were talking about me. So I asked them what language they were speaking."

Hikmat is Lebanese and Ms. Hojeibane's grandmother was from Lebanon, "so we got talking," she said.

At the time, Ms. Hojeibane was beginning her studies at Rutgers University, and Mr. Hojeibane was finishing up there. On one of their first dates, they talked at a diner for a long time after she had finished her job at an ice cream store.

"I went home and told my parents, 'I could marry that guy.' You just knew. It clicked." Ms. Hojeibane recalled. The couple has now been married 13 years and has three children.

Love at First Sight

Everyone has heard about love at first sight — romance ignites as eyes lock across a crowded room. But how often do you hear about love at first sound — falling in love instantly at the sound of an irresistible voice?

That's what happened to area artist Jean Needham, who fell in love with her husband's voice before she even laid eyes on him. "I met my husband in the '50s when I was going with his very best friend," Ms. Needham said.

A double date was planned. "We were driving to the movies on a rather dark, winter evening, and when I heard his voice behind me in the back seat, I just adored him. It was bizarre," she said.

After the movie, the four grabbed a bite to eat and her affection for him only grew. "I liked his voice and I liked what he had to say," she said.

How did Joe feel about her? "I don't think he liked me," Ms. Needham said. "I was a freshman in college and he was a junior. Lots of friends would get together on weekends, but Joe would never be there. I would ask 'where is Joe?' But he was always working," she said.

Soon friends discovered just how smitten Ms. Needham was. Inside the front cover of a notebook, they saw she had been dreamily doodling his name and hers. She had written Mrs. Joan Needham, or Mrs. Joseph Needham, or just plain Joan Needham, over and over. It was only a matter of time. The Needhams have now been married 46 years.

When Harry Meets Sally

Sometimes Cupid's arrow strikes after two people have known each other a very long time as in the 1989 romantic-comedy *When Harry Met Sally*. In this story, an antagonism between two people turns into a best-friends relationship and then to true love.

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as freshmen at Princeton University. They both signed up for a modern dance class to fulfill an undergraduate P.E. requirement.

Rev. Ristuccia, senior pastor at Westerly Road Church in Princeton, said, "I liked Karen right away. I thought she was soft and sensitive, and a little bit mysterious."

Ms. Ristuccia, administrator for Westerly Learning Center in Princeton, said her first impression of Matt wasn't favorable. "He seemed counter cultural and was freaky looking," she said. To this day, she remains skeptical about his motive for taking the class. "At that time, women accounted for only one-seventh of the class, and modern dance was probably as close as you could get to a balanced ratio, she said with a chuckle.

Mr. Ristuccia, who admitted he wasn't sure why he chose the class, nevertheless determined to ask out the girl he liked. But he was promptly refused.

"She really gave me the cold shoulder. There were very clear, unmistakable signals," Mr. Ristuccia said. It wasn't until sophomore year that their friendship started to blossom. They were both English majors and had an English literary criticism class together.

"We started talking a lot and became great friends," Ms. Ristuccia said. Then, one usually warm day in February, a New York-based newspaper photographer was snapping pictures on campus and one picture, which ran in syndication, was of the two of them, strolling across campus with her bike.

To the chagrin of themselves as well as Ms. Ristuccia's then boyfriend, the photo caption ran: Sweethearts or Cyclemates?

"It turns out the newspaper was prophetic," Ms. Ristuccia said. By senior year, the two were best friends; and simultaneously, the longstanding boyfriend was given up. But they still failed to see what everyone else recognized: that they should date. When her good friend and roommate made the suggestion, Ms. Ristuccia insisted: "I will NEVER date Matt Ristuccia."

But, in fact, the very next day, Matt sought out Karen at the carrel where she studied in Firestone Library, asked her out, and she said yes.

The plan was to go ice skating. But it turned out Baker

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Rink was too slushy, so instead they went to the student center and talked for three hours.

"It was clicking," Mr. Ristuccia said. "We were best friends, so it didn't take long to tip."

P.J.'s Pancake House was their second date. And when graduation rolled around in the spring of 1975, "we were basically engaged," Ms. Ristuccia said.

The couple has two sons, and has made Princeton their home all their married life.

Incremental Love

Georgie Skover, who owns GLS Design, a Princeton-based kitchen design business, testifies to the fact that sometimes love grows incrementally as you observe a person casually in a mutual setting.

She met her husband Greg at church. But he was 17 and younger than she, and for her it was a huge obstacle, Ms. Skover said. Their friendship developed gradually. "He would come to me, and talk to me about his girlfriends and things," she said.

"He was really sweet, and such a good, sincere guy," she said. Nevertheless, she sometimes felt she didn't want the relationship to proceed.

"Every time we came to a crossroads, I asked for guidance, and each time I felt led to go ahead," she said. "Even standing at the back of the church, I prayed and said if this isn't the right person, stop the wedding."

Now the couple, originally from California, has made Princeton their home and raised a son and daughter here.

Perhaps it's the intrigue of serendipity that makes how-did-you-first-meet stories so fascinating, or maybe it's the infinite variety of circumstances and the mystery of chemistry. But whatever the reason, these conversation pieces are here to stay. There's even a Web site on the subject, called howwefirstmet.com, tied to a theater show *How We First Met*.

For the show, couples are interviewed on stage while improvisational actors act out their stories. It's currently playing at San Francisco's Actor's Theater, and will go on the road shortly to Eugene, Ore., New York City, Minneapolis, and Miami.

A survey of 202 respondents, conducted by *How We First Met*, found that 30 percent of individuals met their partner through a friend. Twenty-nine percent introduced themselves at some type of shared activity, and about 8 percent met online.

—Becky Melvin

BENEFIT PLANNERS: "A Russian Winterfest" is the theme for the 20th anniversary winter benefit for the Opera Festival of New Jersey, February 8 at the Hyatt Regency. Shown planning the gala are, from left, Nancy Sheffler, Benefit Chair Diane Parks, and Auction Chair Adrienne Rubin. For information call (609) 919-1003, ext. 107.

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It is best to contact Main Street six to eight months ahead, notes Ms. Lands. "Booking the location is number one. Between May and October, we do 50 to 60 weddings. September and June are our busiest times."

An initial consultation lasts about an hour and a half, and Ms. Lands gets a handle on the client's preferences, style, and budget considerations. "At this point, we are really educating the client about all the details and the prices. A typical range is $125 to $150 per person, when they have a full-scale reception. An average number of guests is 125 to 150.

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Junior School to Host Jasna Polana Benefit

The Princeton Junior School Parent Association (PJSPA) will host its annual Gala Auction at the Tournament Players Club at Jasna Polana on Saturday, February 8. The evening will include dinner and entertainment, with both a silent and a live auction.

The Gala Auction is the PJSPA's largest fund-raiser of the year. Proceeds from the event will support the activities of the PJSPA and contribute to student scholarships, the PJS library, professional development for PJS faculty and staff, the "Learning Through Landscape" program, and miscellaneous classroom needs.

Founded in 1983, the PJSPA serves to facilitate communication and cooperation among parents, students, faculty, administration, and trustees, and to enhance the quality of the students' educational experience at PJS.

"The auction provides us with the funds to meet many of the PJSPA goals, but it also enables us to showcase our school to the Princeton community," said Sheila Hallsted-Baumert, PJSPA president. "We strongly support the PJS educational philosophy of academic excellence in a nurturing environment, and we are delighted to have an opportunity to share these ideas."

For the first time this year, local corporations are being invited to host tables for the dinner. Those participating in the event include SES Americom, Pioneer Futures, Ashton-Whyte, Matrix Development Group, Medarex, and J.E. Caldwell & Company.

The Princeton Junior School is an independent, co-educational institution that educates children from three years to fifth grade.

IN THE LIGHT OF A BLUE MOON: A decorated open-air tent with spotlights softly illuminates the elegantly dressed white linen banquet tables that await the evening wedding party for dinner under the stars. Photo courtesy of Main Street Fine Catering.

Waldorf School to Host Foundation Presentation

The Rudolf Steiner Foundation (RSF), which maintains its main headquarters in San Francisco, has recently opened an east coast office in Manhattan.

On Thursday, February 6 at 7:30 p.m., Robert Dandrew, director of the new east coast office, will visit the Princeton area and make a presentation on the foundation's work at the Waldorf School.

The presentation will be held on the Waldorf School campus, located at 1062 Cherry Hill Road in Montgomery Township. All interested adults are welcome to this free presentation and discussion. For further information, call the Waldorf School at (609) 466-1970, ext. 26.

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TO BENEFIT: The Princeton Junior School Parent Auction Committee, which is organizing its Gala Auction for the Tournament Players Club at Jasna Polana on February 8, includes, from left, Kim Helfgott, Kate Morgan, Sheila Hallsted-Baumert, and chair Laura Olmstead.

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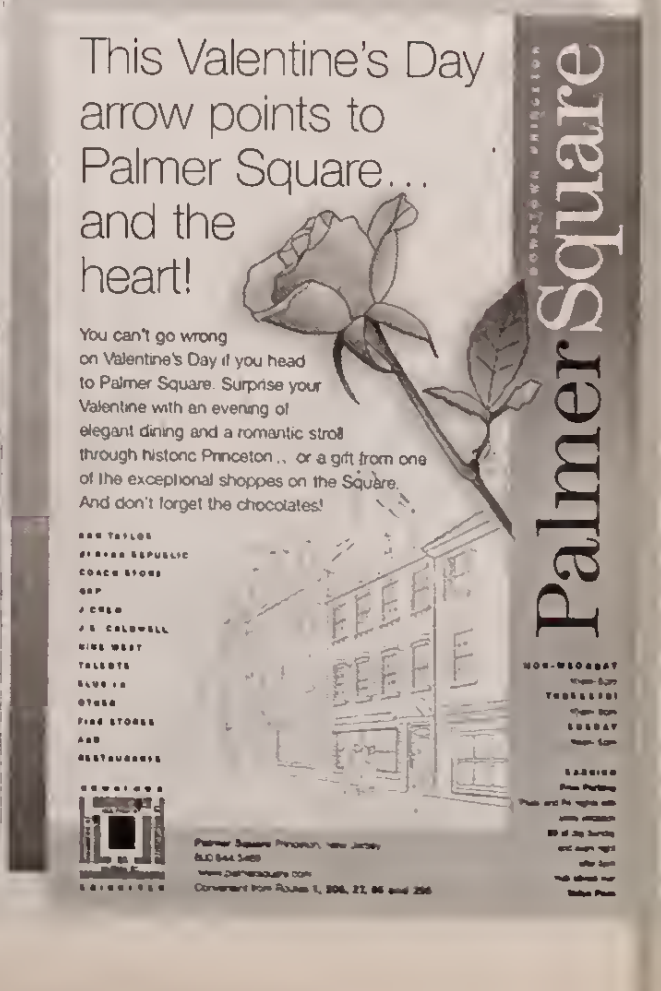

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Musical Amateurs To Sing 'The Mikado'

Amateur singers are invited to join the Princeton Society of Musical Amateurs in a reading of Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Mikado* on Sunday, February 9, at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Princeton. Non-singing audience members are also invited to attend.

The rehearsal and read-through will be conducted by Lois Laverty, a voice professor emeritus of Westminster Choir College who has led Gilbert and Sullivan read-throughs in the area for the past ten years.

Koko, the comic baritone, will be performed by Brendan O'Brien, who received an award for his performance as a Gilbert and Sullivan singer in the Philadelphia Area. Sharon Alexander, a veteran performer in musical comedies at the Off-Broad Street Theatre in Hopewell, will play the part of Katisha.

Other soloists will include Sarah Pelletier, Timothy Urban, Jack Zamboni, Wilbur Lewis, Heather Fetrow, Jenna Lebherz, and Bryce Hayes. A full orchestra will accompany the singers.

The choral rehearsal is scheduled for 3 p.m., and a full read-through will be held at 4 p.m. Admission costs $7 and includes vocal scores and refreshments. The Unitarian Universalist Church of Princeton is located at 50 Cherry Hill Road, near the intersection with Route 206.

The Society of Musical Amateurs, founded in 1935, hosts regular sing-alongs of works of choral literature. Led by conductors from the central New Jersey area, musically-inclined community members act as the chorus, without previous rehearsals or auditions.

The society's next event will be a sing-along of Brahms' *Naenie, Alto Rhapsody,* and *Schicksalslied*, scheduled for March 2 and led by Heather Buchanan.

Composer David Lang Will Lecture Here

David Lang, co-founder and co-artistic director of New York's music festival, "Bang on a Can," will speak at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, February 6, in 106 Woolworth as part of this year's Composers Colloquium series.

Mr. Lang, composer-in-residence at the American Conservatory Theater in San Francisco, is musically adventurous yet deeply versed in the classical tradition. His work fuses classical music with urban aggressiveness, where melodies are accompanied by noise and subtle harmonies are pulled apart by pounding rhythms.

FOUR-PART HARMONY: Millstone Valley Chorus of Sweet Adelines International will offer free lessons in singing four-part harmony on Monday, February 10, at Trinity Church. Shown, from left, are chorus members Janice Sutphen, Alice Deanin, Carolyn Burroughs, and Judy Silver

Pieces by him have been featured in performances by such organizations as the Santa Fe Opera, the New York Philharmonic, the San Francisco Symphony, the Cleveland Orchestra and the Kronos Quartet.

Mr. Lang has been honored with the Rome Prize, the BMW Music-Theater Prize (Munich), a Kennedy Center/Friedheim Award and the Revson Fellowship with the New York Philharmonic.

Women's Chorus To Offer Free Vocal Coaching

Millstone Valley Chorus of Sweet Adelines International will offer free voice lessons in a cappella singing of 4-part harmony on February 10. Vocal classes, open to women 18 and older, will focus on vocal skills and performance.

Voice lessons will be taught by Katie Pinto, a member of the chorus and an award-winning quartet singer. Ms. Pinto, who has a bachelor's degree in theater and vocal performance, has nine years of experience as a vocal and cabaret performer and a vocal teacher and coach.

Registration will begin at 7:15 p.m. in Pierce Hall in Trinity Church, 33 Mercer Street. For information, call Laurie at (732) 438-0627.

Millstone Valley Chorus will also be delivering Singing Valentines from February 11 through February 15. As part of each Singing Valentine, quartets of singers from the chorus will sing two songs, deliver a personalized card and a photograph, and present chocolate and a silk rose.

Valentines cost $50, and proceeds support chorus performances at community organizations and events. To order a Singing Valentine, call Anita at (908) 874-3079.

Sweet Adelines International is an organization of women's choruses singing a cappella 4-part harmony. The 60-member Millstone Valley Chorus rehearses Monday evenings at Trinity Church.

Pianist Natalie Zhu Will Give Recital

The Greater Princeton Steinway Society will host a performance by pianist Natalie Zhu on February 9 at 4 p.m. The recital will be held at Jacobs Music, 2540 Brunswick Pike in Lawrenceville.

Ms. Zhu will play works by Scarlatti, Brahms, and Ginastera. Also on the program will be Schubert's last piano sonata, composed in 1828 six weeks before his death.

Ms. Zhu, born in China, made her first public appearance at age nine in Beijing. After living in Los Angeles for four years, she enrolled in the Curtis Institute of Music at age 15. She received the Rachmaninoff Award and studied with pianist Gary Graffman. In 2001, she joined the Curtis faculty as staff pianist. She holds a master's degree in music from the Yale School of Music, where she studied with Claude Frank.

Ms. Zhu has performed concerts in North America, Europe, and China. She has played in New York City's Steinway Hall and has performed with the Pacific Symphony, Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, and Astral Chamber Orchestra. With violinist Hilary Hahn, she toured the United States, Europe, and Japan in 2001 and 2002.

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Dance Students, Faculty To Offer Spring Festival

The Princeton University Program in Theater and Dance will present its Spring Dance Festival 2003 on February 14 and 15 at Richardson Auditorium at 8 p.m. Admission is $10, and reservations can be obtained through the auditorium box office at (609) 258-5000.

In the Dance Festival, thirty Princeton University students will perform in new works choreographed by faculty member Diann Sichel, guest artists Jessica Lang and Stephen Welsh, and 16 student choreographers.

Gravitational Yearnings, by Ms. Sichel, is a work exploring the speed and danger of falling and what happens to people when they accept instability in relationships with one another. Choreographed for twenty dancers, it features an original score by Stephen Weinstock.

Mr. Welsh's *Coming Through* is an abstract group work danced to the Eastern melodies of Corradi and Acid Queen and involving snake-like movements that ripple through the body and interweaving bodies.

Based in Philadelphia, Mr. Welsh is currently on the faculty of Swarthmore College and Community College of Philadelphia. In addition to his work as a choreographer, he performs regularly with Jeanne Ruddy Dance and Trapezius/Aerial Dance.

Ms. Lang's *Seven Years* uses movement influenced by ballet and modern dance. Its score is provided by the works of baroque composers, including Telemann, Vivaldi, and Bach.

Ms. Lang is a 1997 graduate of the Juilliard School and a former member of Twyla Tharp's Company, "THARP!" She has choreographed for numerous companies, including the New York City Ballet (Choreographic Institute), Pennsylvania Ballet, ABT Studio Company, and the Richmond Ballet.

The 11 works choreographed by Princeton University students explore many subjects, including home, family relationships, the fear and glory of growing up, and the concept of private, public, and sacred space. The works were developed by 16 students in professor Ze'eva Cohen's Fall choreography class.

DYNAMIC DUO: Grammy Award-winning Baritone Sanford Sylvan and long-time collaborator, pianist David Breitman, will perform together in two free concerts, February 12 and 14, at the Institute for Advanced Study.

Sylvan and Breitman To Perform at Institute

Baritone Sanford Sylvan and pianist David Breitman will perform at the Institute for Advanced Study on February 12 and 14. The free concerts will take place at 8 p.m. in Wolfensohn Hall.

The pair will perform works including Gabriel Fauré's *Cinq melodies de Venise*; works by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky; Hugo Wolf's *Three Songs on Texts of Michaelangelo*, as well as selections from his Morike songs. They will also perform *Psalm 21*, a selection from the Jose Limon's ballet *Psalm*, the score for which was written by Institute Artist-in-Residence Jon Magnussen.

"Sylvan is one of those rare artists whose directness of communication gives each performance an extraordinary degree of immediacy," said Mr. Magnussen.

An opera singer as well as a recitalist, Mr. Sylvan has portrayed Figaro in *Le Nozze di Figaro* and Don Alfonso in *Cosi fan tutte*. He also sang Leporello in *Don Giovanni* at the New York City Opera. A Grammy and Emmy Award winner, Mr. Sylvan has also received three Grammy nominations for Best Classical Vocal Performance for his recordings with Mr. Breitman.

Mr. Breitman has collaborated with Mr. Sylvan since 1979, including recent appearances with the St. Petersburg String Quartet, the Tulsa Philharmonic Orchestra, and Orchestra New England. The duo has performed throughout the United States and Europe.

Mr. Sylvan, Mr. Breitman, and Mr. Magnussen will discuss works on the concert program and perform musical examples at a concert discussion, scheduled for February 13 at 4:30 p.m. in the Dilworth Room on the Institute campus.

Tickets to the concerts, sponsored by the Institute's Artist-in-Residence program, are free of charge, but should be reserved in advance by calling (609) 734-8389.

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Engagements and Weddings

Weddings

Lillian Brown and Jonathan Samuel

Brown-Samuel. Lillian Blythe Brown, daughter of Janet R. Elliot and Duncan W. Brown of La Jolla, Calif., to Jonathan Charles Samuel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Samuel of Santa Barbara, Calif. Retired San Diego Superior Court Judge Anthony C. Joseph performed the December 28 ceremony in La Jolla.

The bride, 23, graduated from Harvard University in June 2001 and received a master's degree in epidemiology from the University of Michigan School of Public Health in December 2002. She is employed as an epidemiologist in Chicago.

The groom, 25, graduated from Harvard University in 1999 and received a master's degree in public health education from the University of Michigan School of Public Health in 2002. He is currently a third-year student at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago.

The couple met at Harvard University, where both were varsity swimmers and biology majors with strong interests in medicine and public health. Since graduation, they have expanded their common interests to include triathlon, marathon, and bicycle racing competitions.

Nathan Heavers and Kathleen Jamieson

Jamieson-Heavers. Kathleen O'Neill Jamieson, daughter of Daniel Jr. and Kathleen Jamieson of Princeton and Pottersville, to Nathan Michael Heavers, son of Drs. Richard and Barbara Heavers of Charlestown, R.I. The June 29, 2002 ceremony was performed by the Rev. Frederick S. Baldwin at St. Luke's Church in Gladstone.

The bride, who will keep her name, is a graduate of Princeton Day School. She graduated in 2000 from Princeton University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and a certificate in the program of theater and dance. She works as a teacher at the Cathedral School of St. John the Divine in New York City.

The groom is a graduate of Moses Brown School in Providence, R.I. He is a 2000 graduate of Princeton University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in ecology and evolutionary biology and a certificate in the program in visual arts. He is employed as a gardener at the Cloisters Museum in New York City.

The couple took a wedding trip to Isla Mujeres, Mexico. They reside in New York City.

Wedding Party Etiquette

Best Man

Hosts Bachelor Party
Helps Ushers with Fittings and Wedding Day Assignment
Helps Groom Get Ready on Wedding Day
Pays for His Tux or Wedding Day Attire
Responsible for the coordination of Gifts to Groom from Ushers
Attends Rehearsal and Rehearsal Dinner
Pays Officiants' Fees for the Ceremony
Acts as Legal Witness, Signs Certificate
Holds Bride's Ring until the Proper Time during the Ceremony
Joins Bride and Groom at Head Table
Proposes the Formal Toast to Bride and Groom at Reception
Returns Groom's Tux to the Rental Shop After Reception
Have Families' and Wedding Party's Drivers (of rented vehicles) Cell Phone Numbers

Groomsman

Help Best Man in Planning and Hosting Bachelor Party
Contributes to Groom's Gift from Groomsmen
Arrive Early at Wedding Location to Make Sure Everything is in Order
Seat Guests at Ceremony
After Ceremony Escort Bridesmaids Down Aisle
Help Out-of-Town or Elderly Guests get from Ceremony to Reception

Father of the Bride

Traditionally Pays For Reception (no longer an automatic custom)
Escorts Bride Down Aisle
May Stand in Receiving Line
May Dance with Bride to Traditional Song

Parents of the Groom

May Help with Wedding Preparations and Costs
Attend Rehearsal
Host and Pay For Rehearsal Dinner
Pay for Purchase or Rental of Wedding Attire

Ring Bearer

Carries Ring Pillow Down Aisle at Ceremony
May Escort Flower Girl Down Aisle

Michelle Tarsney and Christopher Moseley

Tarsney-Moseley. Michelle Aileen Tarsney, daughter of Charlene Tarsney of Omaha, Neb., and the late Dr. John Tarsney, to Christopher Timothy Moseley, son of Dr. and Mrs. Roger V. Moseley of Princeton. The September 7 ceremony was held at the Princeton University Chapel with the Rev. Sue Anne Steffey Morrow officiating. A reception followed at Prospect House.

The bride is a graduate of Boston University and the Harvard Graduate School of Design. She is employed by the architectural firm SMWM in San Francisco, Calif.

The groom is a graduate of Princeton High School. He graduated from Franklin and Marshall College and the Yale School of Management. He is a consultant with Broadlane in San Francisco.

The couple took a wedding trip to Turkey. They reside in San Francisco.

Melissa Rosendorf and Charles Calvert

Rosendorf-Calvert. Melissa Ann Rosendorf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Sander Rosendorf of Princeton Junction, to Charles Ellis Calvert, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Calvert of Ambler, Pa. The August 2 ceremony was held at Trinity Church in Princeton and officiated by the Rev. Margaret Hodgkins and Rev. Calvert.

The bride is a graduate of Princeton Day School. She earned a bachelor's degree from Hamilton College and a master's degree in education from the University of Pennsylvania. She is senior associate director of major gifts at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

The groom is a graduate of Cheltenham High School and Pennsylvania State University. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in business administration at Temple University in Philadelphia. He is general manager of Linde Meyer Inc. in Philadelphia, Pa.

The couple took a wedding trip to Tahiti. They reside in Ambler.

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